

Low requires more integration

WHEN MHSers REPORTED TO SCHOOL two days ago, they discovered homerooms had gone co-ed. In the past, homerooms were all male and all female except for the senior groups which became boy-girl combinations several years ago. In addition, agribusiness, home economics, and physical education classes will not be grouped according to sex this year.

According to Principal W. C. Corbett these changes in the school program are a result of Title IX program. Title IX is part of the Education Amendments of 1972 which forbid discrimination on basis of sex in education programs or activities which receive Federal funds.

Mr. Corbett notes, however, that this does not include contact sports.

"Our school is further
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Holiday nears

Shelby County Schools will be closed Sept. 5 in observance of Labor Day.

Other dates of interest to MHSers are:

- Oct. 6--Teachers Meeting
- Nov. 3--Teachers Meeting
- Nov. 11--Veterans Day
- Nov. 24-25--Thanksgiving
- Dec. 19-30--Christmas

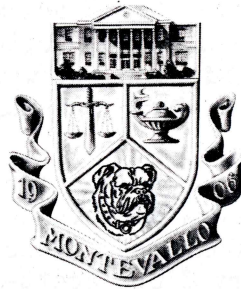
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AS 3 TEACHERS LEAVE MHS

3 Newcomers join faculty

THREE NEW TEACHERS greeted students as they returned for MHS's fall session Wednesday. They are Mr. Joseph A. Brady, Mr. Daniel E. Goggins, and Mr. George G. Lilly.

Mr. Brady, with a BS degree in library science, serves as librarian. He was recently a bookstore manager and has worked at several high schools in the Birmingham area. He replaces Mrs. Anne Milford, who retired in June.

Two other new faculty members are teaching history. Mr. Goggins, assistant principal at Pelham High School last year, will instruct students in American history and world studies. He fills the position vacated by Mr. Danny Cooper who is now with the State Republican Party. Mr. Lilly, of Tallasee, took over the duties of former teacher David Nichols, now a University of Montevallo policeman.

Mr. Lilly, who attended UM, completed his student teaching under Mr. Nichols in 1976.

"Even though I hate to see three of our people leave us, I feel that the new teachers will do excellent jobs and will be assets to the school," says Principal W. C. Corbett.



CATCHING UP

"This is our Liberty Tree," Principal W.C. Corbett (l-r) explains to new MHS teachers Daniel Goggins and George G. Lilly as he shows them about the campus. (New teacher Joseph A. Brady was not available for a picture.)

MHSers earn Boys State jobs

SENIORS MIKE BEERS, GREG HARDIN, Barry Kornegay, Darrell Lawley, and Terry McCarey represented MHS at the fortieth session of Boys State.

The annual event is sponsored by the American Legion to introduce participants to state government and a regimented military life. Athletics were also a large part of the week long camp. Terry played in an all-star basketball game held at the end of the session.

Mike, Darrell, and Terry served as representatives for their cities, and Barry was elected to the State Board of Education.

Greg won his party's nomination to try for a seat on the Alabama Public Service Commission but was defeated in the General Election.

Financial sponsors for the MHSers were Montevallo Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, Rotary Club, Scott-Long Realty, MHS supporters through Youth Aid Bureau, and Student Council.

Kornegay leads honor society

Senior Barry Kornegay will head this year's National Honor Society.

Other officers include Darrell Lawley, vice president, and Iris Smitherman, secretary. Kathy Glosson and Barry Harper are business managers.

NHS's biggest project is the MONTALA, the school yearbook. Barry Kornegay is editor and Mrs. Frances Anthony, adviser.

This summer Kathy Glosson, Barry Kornegay and Mrs. Frances Anthony attended a yearbook workshop at the University of Montevallo.

Integration (Cont'd)

ahead than most schools in this area in eliminating sexual discrimination," Mr. Corbett says.

The 456 students who attended co-ed homerooms Wednesday for registration shows an increase of six over last year's first day enrollment when 450 MHSers reported.

Summer term serves 7 schools

MHS was silent only a portion of the summer as 152 students attended the summer session June 6 to July 15.

Nine courses were offered in the program sponsored by the University of Montevallo. In addition to MHS faculty members who taught, six student teachers from UM helped instruct the classes. Pupils from 11 schools in the area attended the 6-weeks term.

Principal W.C. Corbett, who taught an education course at UM as well as serving as principal for the summer school says, "I feel our summer school was very successful, and we always enjoy this association with the University."

It's News Downtown--

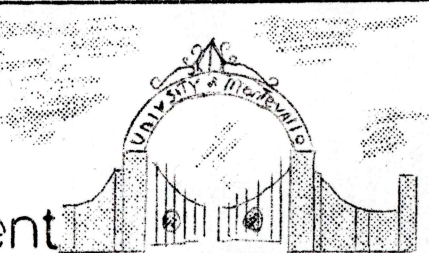
Dr. Vickrey is

UM's 11th president

University of Montevallo recently welcomed Dr. James Vickrey as its eleventh president. His inauguration is set for Oct. 12, Founders Day.

Dr. Vickrey came to Montevallo from Florida, where he was executive assistant and director of public affairs for the State University System.

Dr. Kermit Johnson, past president of UM, now resides in northern Shelby County, following his retirement in July.



Two new kindergartens have been added to Shelby County School System as part of a pilot program.

The two classes are at Wilsnville, the only elementary school in the county with available space, according to County Superintendent Elvin Hill.

Village Furniture opened during the summer with Mr. Bill Gay, manager, and MHS senior Wesley Bolling as assistant manager for the store on South Main Street.

ALMA MATER

Hail, Alma Mater!
Hats off to you.

Ever you'll find us
Loyal and true.

Firm and undaunted
Always we'll be.

Hail to the school we
love;
Here's a toast to thee!

After 'best year ever'--

Principal hopes for 'even better'

We want to extend a very cordial welcome to all of you--returning students, faculty, and staff. We give a special welcome to our new students and faculty.

As you know, we have one of the nicest, most attractive, and comfortable facilities in this area in which to work, learn, and play. We sincerely hope that all of you will continue to help keep the facilities neat, clean, and in good repair.

It was the feeling of many that MHS had the best year ever last year. The academic program, athletics, band, SPOTLIGHT, Awards Day, Commencement, and many other curricular and extra-curricular activities were most outstanding. We hope this year will be even better. Improvement can only come about through devotion and hard work on the part of all of us.

We wish for each of you a very happy school year, rich in the satisfaction that comes only with significant accomplishments.

W. C. Corbett
Principal

Maid shows love

Mrs. Lula Belle Moore, who serves as maid, has to be one of the most dedicated members of the MHS staff.

Principal W.C. Corbett reveals that instead of taking her week of paid vacation this summer, Mrs. Moore reported to work as usual. We salute Mrs. Moore for her loyalty and devotion to MHS.

'Spotlight' begins 30th year

This issue begins SPOTLIGHT's thirtieth year as MHS's newspaper; the last fifteen saw the paper rated All-American by National Scholastic Press.

Every staff tries to provide the latest news and compile a record of the school year for their readers. This year will be no exception as new editors strive to uphold the excellence achieved by past staffs.

Former MHS librarian Anne Milford has confidence in the group as she became the first subscriber for the new year, 1977-78.

All MHS supporters need to add their names to the list under Mrs. Milford's to assure they don't miss a single issue of Volume XXX. (Subscriptions are \$3 each; mailouts are \$6 a year.)

Care of school requires pride

PRIDE should be the key to keeping MHS clean this year.

The renovation of the building two years ago made the school like new; and after MHS maid Lula Belle Moore and the CETA workers completed a summer cleanup, everything is in excellent condition.

Pride in being an MHSer and being able to enjoy a modern school can make everyone willing to pitch in to help maintain the school's beauty. No one or two maids can take care of the building alone--everyone must do his share.

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4 Troubadours study music at summer camp

Musical notes surrounded four MHSers this summer as Troubadours John, Richie, and Tommy Owen and Mary Jane Wyatt attended a special Wisconsin camp, with professional musicians in charge of a five-week session.

"Campers" made up an orchestra which performed at a variety of events ranging from pop concerts to blue grass festivals.

"It was an interesting way to spend part of my summer vacation. I got a chance to meet people from several states and even two students from Italy.

"Plus, it was a chance to further my education of music," Mary Jane says.

She adds that with all the practices, rehearsals, and performances students averaged at least seven hours a day with their instruments.

With summer practice, new look--

Band is ready to step tonight

MHS's Troubadours are marching again! After six weeks of summer practice and two days in class, the group is all set to give its first performance of the year at tonight's football game between MHS and Francis Marion.

"I'm very excited about working with the new group. Our change in style and uniform should add color and excitement to band shows this year," director Jim Weese predicts for the '77 season.

Color brightens

Troubadours sport the largest flag corps ever at MHS this year. Twelve girls carry the school colors while head Sylvia Jones marches with a sword.

The band's other auxiliary group, the majorettes, attended Sunnyside Twirling Clinic in Florida this summer. They were awarded several individual honors at judging there.

Miss Tammy Festavan, a former feature twirler with Thompson High's band, is working with the majorettes and flag corps.

The 105-member team will change its headgear from the traditional beret to a Broadway style skimmer hat from California.

New entrance

Beginning its halftime show with a Sewanee-Mister Sandman medley, the band will cross the field a bit faster Mr. Weese says.

Feature tunes this year will be Rocky and Evergreen according to the director.

Summer work

The Troubadours practiced on Tuesdays and Thursdays during July; and since Aug. 1 the group has worked three hours daily, Monday through Friday.

Senior Shawn Spicer, selected drum major at the end of last year, attended a clinic for field directors at Troy State University in July.

"I'm not sure which contests the band will enter this year, but we hope to compete in at least one in Alabama and possibly one out of state," Mr. Weese says.

MHSers score high

Of the 421 students making dean's list at the University of Montevallo for the spring semester, 18 are MHS graduates.

To earn the honor one must have at least a 2.3 grade average out of a possible 3.

With summer jobs for teenagers--

CETA aids students, school

While many teenagers lay on the beach or enjoyed their hobbies this summer, other students were busy working at MHS.

Cutting grass, cleaning rooms, shampooing carpets, washing windows, and polishing floors kept Anita Bell, Allyson Chappell, Esther Cutts, Terry Cutts, Selena Davis, Gearld Grier, Jeffro Johnson, and Kenneth Rutledge, along with Veronica Rutledge (MHS '76) busy.

The Comprehensive Employment and Training Act job program sponsored these "cleanup" jobs for the students. Principal W. C. Corbett and MHS maid Lula Belle Moore supervised the crew at MHS.

Mr. Corbett explains that this program helped the students financially in addition to preparing the building for the opening of school. He noted that Superintendent Elvin Hill pronounced MHS to be in the best condition of any school in the county.

Liberty Tree 3 MHSers entertain Japanese

survives trials

Even though it has undergone an extremely cold winter, an exceptionally hot, dry summer, and a broken branch which reduced its size, MHS's Liberty Tree appears to be in good condition this fall.

The tree, a Southern magnolia, is located in front of the main building and was planted as a bicentennial tribute by MHS during the national celebration in 1976.

Donated to the school by the Montevallo Bicentennial Commission, the tree was planted June 28, 1976.

For Summer Vacation--

Faculty takes busman's holiday

Most MHS teachers weren't far from books and assignments during summer vacation. Several taught in summer session, and seventeen of them assumed the roles of students and attended classes themselves as they participated in college courses and workshops at various institutions.

Math teacher Doug Morris completed his AA certificate, while librarian Joe Brady and band director James Weese earned their master's degrees.

Work for higher rank

Also working toward higher ranks were instructors Frances Anthony, George Lilly, and Ann Parker.

Mr. Kurt Phazek received certification in special education after his internship at DCLD in Birmingham and Mrs. Delilah Robinson completed 12 hours of English at the University of Montevallo to complete certification in that field.

Attend workshops

Others who spent time learning at workshops were Mrs. Barbara Belisle (English), Mrs. Junnie Craig (vocational), Principal W. C. Corbett (legal), Mr. Jim Hermecz (math-vocational), Mrs. Rose Ellen Hankins (vocational), Coach Richard Gilliam (athletics), Mr. Charles Martin (drugs and alcohol), Mr. Willie Turner (special ed) and Mr. Tim Wiggins (masonry).

Japanese customs came to life this summer for senior Nan Jones and juniors Leslee Belluchie, and Lynn Sawyer. Their families each hosted a Japanese teenager for 15 days.

Kiyomi Kamei visited with the Joneses, Yumiko Maejima with the Belluchies, and Makiko Okamoto with the Sawyers.

Curlers come late

"They told us that girls in Japan are not allowed to roll their hair, wear make-up, date or drive until they are 18," Leslee explains.

Nan says Kiyomi was impressed with how much more freedom young people in America have than those in her country. "She thought it was great here," Nan adds.

Schools are segregated

The three Japanese also told their Montevallo "families" that there are no co-ed schools--boys go to all male institutions and girls to female classes. They noted that there are no football teams or marching bands like those at MHS.

Their visit was part of a program sponsored by the Shelby County Youth Aid Bureau. Nine young women came to Shelby County families to learn about the U.D.

Make visits

The entire group toured the Space Center in Huntsville, the Capitol in Montgomery, and Birmingham.

Before leaving for home the nine prepared a Japanese meal for their hosts at Spring Creek Church. They also gave them gifts which included chopsticks, kimonos, fans, shoes, and dolls.

Lynn notes, "It was fun having Makito stay with us. Our family had a chance to share our life style with another country and learn about a different culture at the same time."

Grads keep studying

Over half of last year's senior class is continuing their education this fall. They have already enrolled in various colleges according to Mrs. Frances Anthony, guidance counselor.

SIZE, EXPERIENCE WOULD DISCOURAGE SOME

Bulldogs' character makes coach optimistic

"BECAUSE I AM PRIVILEGED TO KNOW THESE YOUNG MEN as I do, that is, what they are on the inside, then I can only be optimistic," declares Coach Richard Gilliam of his 1977 football team and MHS's upcoming season. "Most people, looking at what's returning on paper, would probably be pessimistic," he continues as he points out that only two full fledged starters and three part-time starters are back from last year.

Skill positions strong

At this stage Coach feels that at the skill positions the 'Dogs will be "better than adequate to very good." On the other hand, though, he says, "Those at the non-skill positions will be small and inexperienced. How far we go this season depends a great deal on the development of those at the non-skill positions."

Here's how Coach Gilliam pictures the '77 squad:

Kevin Hughes and Terry McCarey provide great strength at quarterback. McCarey, with two years starting experience, is very good in most phases of the position; while Hughes, not quite so quick-footed as McCarey, reads the triple option better.

Others who will work some at quarterback are Chuck Reynolds, Dereck Stewart, Rance Gaddis, and Rick Fields.

Lawley, Rutledge tailbacks

Darrell Lawley, who saw considerable action on specialty teams last year, and Willie Rutledge, who played a lot three years ago, are front runners at tailback.

Reynolds' tough, hard effort makes him leading candidate for fullback. A little short in speed and size, he still gets the hard yard. Tim Otts (Shelby Academy transfer) is pushing Chuck. Impressive in early drills, Tim will also work at tight end. Stewart will work there too, to provide depth.

Hughes is front runner at wingback, with Edd Green a hair behind. Both run well and can catch in a crowd. Lawley, Stewart, and Gaddis will work there also.

Lucas back at split end

Split end Jeff Lucas, one of the two returning starters, is a great receiver, good blocker, and a fine leader. He is also an outstanding defensive back. Kelvin Lilly, a front runner at tight end and linebacker in the spring before a knee injury, moves to split end to share playing time.

Seniors Rudolph Reed and Mike Beers show promise and should play a lot. Both are prospects for weakside linebacker on defense. At tight end, Otts and Jerome Tolbert look good; Terry Cutts shows promise here also.

Tackle picture uncertain

At present, tackle is the most critical position with Buddy Holsomback and Barry Lynn Harper (starter on some of the specialty teams last year) front runners. Others in the running are Scobie Wilcoxon and Lee Clayton. David Young, just joining the team, and Kevin Lawley, who shows promise despite his size, are also candidates here.

Barry Kornegay, a part-time starter last year, returns at guard. He is also the punter and may be placekicker.

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Bulldog roster shows 32 men

Player	Pos	W	G
J Lucas	SE	126	12
T McCarey	QB	158	12
K Hughes	QB	148	11
D Stewart	WB	142	10
W Rutledge	RB	162	11
R Fields	WB	107	9
R Reed	SE	127	12
D Lawley	RB	123	12
M Beers	SE	112	12
K Jones	FB-G	126	11
P Sims	G	127	11
R Holsomback	C	138	10
S Purnell	C	164	11
B Holsomback	T	224	11
S Smitherman	C	161	12
J Jones	G	144	10
G Jackson	G	145	10
S Wilcoxon	T	175	11
S Melsoni	G	146	10
K Lawley	T	142	10
D Lash	C-G	140	11
L Clayton	T	186	11
B Kornegay	G	156	12
L Harper	T	183	12
D Young	T	188	11
T Cutts	TE	151	10
E Green	WB	132	11
J Tolbert	TE	136	11
R Gaddis	WB	97	10
K Lilly	TE-SE	131	11
T Otts	FB-TE	160	12
C Reynolds	FB-TE	145	12



TIMES THAT TRY MEN'S SOULS

Just before their last practice session, captains for tonight's game listen as Coach Richard Gilliam gives instructions. (Front l-r) Captains are seniors Barry Kornegay, Darrell Lawley, Jeff Lucas. (Back) Terry McCarey, Chuck Reynolds, and junior Willie Rutledge.

MARION, CHELSEA AT HOME

'Dogs kickoff with area foes

by Jeff Lucas

Montevallo opens 1977's football season with two important area games, Marion and Chelsea.

Marion's Rams come to town tonight with a vastly improved squad. By their own coach's admission, according to MHS coach Richard Gilliam, the Rams will be a "great deal better than last year." "Hearsay has it," explains Coach Gilliam, "that they have one fast, 6'4" end who can get behind people for the bomb."

Coach Gilliam says he feels the key to victory will be physical conditioning and execution.

"The one who makes the fewest mistakes will probably be winner," he adds.

Next Friday in another home game MHS faces an experienced Hornet team from Chelsea. Their strong offensive and defensive lines return mostly intact from last year according to Coach Gilliam.

"Our offensive line and defensive downmen will be the key to victory in that game," Coach says.

MHS will face all area, 3 AAA in football '77

No changes were made in MHS's football schedule for this season. The Bulldogs play all the 2A teams in their area plus county foes 1A Calera, 2A Chelby, and 3A Thompson.

Neighboring 3A Jemison completes the slate.

Here is the schedule:

Aug. 26	Marion	H
Sept. 2	Chelsea	H
9	Shelby	T
16	Thompson	T
23	(Open)	
30	Jemison	H
Oct. 7	Vincent	T
14	Winterboro	T
21	Calera	H
28	West Blocton	T
Nov. 4	Talladega Co.	
	Trng. School	*H

Cheerleaders officially kickoff the '77 season today at the sixth period as they introduce players and coaches during a pep rally in the auditorium.

Character pleases coach -cont'd)

He will be the anchor man in the line. Glen Jackson and Steve Melsoni are top contenders at the other guard position. Jackson is small but quick and strong; Melsoni has good technique and determination. Kenneth Jones and Patrick Sims have been impressive in early drills. Jerome Jones looks good in some phases of the position.

Center is critical

At the critical center position Sam Purnell returns from the spring with the lead. He will be sorely challenged by Scott Smitherman. David Lash (the best long snapper), who contributes a lot to team morale, is another contender here as is Ronnie Holsombeck.

We haven't had a chance to effectively evaluate our defensive personnel yet," Coach Gilliam says; "however, we appear strong in the secondary with Lucas and McCarey returning. "I believe that this team will be one of which parents, students, and community can be proud. THEY WON'T QUIT!" coach affirms. ...Darrell Lawley

County coaches face problems Cheerleaders

by Barry Harper

Shelby County's high school football teams began practice for the '77 season Aug. 1. Here's how the coaches "feel" about their prospects.

Calera has 26 varsity players with 11 seniors—"the most in recent years," says head coach Ricky Cairns. "I'm very optimistic. Barring injuries, we should be better than last year," he adds.

9 starters at Chelsea

Coach Richard Conkle of Chelsea says, "We have been in pads only five days at this point and with all this heat, we're down. It's really too early to tell what we'll be like." However, nine starters return there and Joey Steele, a senior who has started every game but one for the past four years, is back to lead the way.

The Panthers at Pelham begin their second varsity year with a new coach, David Bailey. Seven starters return, and Coach Bailey says the nine seniors on the team are showing good leadership. He adds that he'll "have to get to know the team better before predicting anything about the year."

Shelby improved

"The Wildcats must prove themselves when the season gets underway," head coach Bob Fairley says of his Shelby High squad.

The young coach adds that he feels his team has "improved quite a bit from last year."

At Thompson Coach Larry Simmons says he faces a rebuilding task with only one defensive and three offensive starters back from a team that was 10-0 for the regular season last year.

According to Coach, Tim Edmondson, a holdover from last year, will switch from halfback to the quarterback job this season.

Vincent has star

According to reports out of Vincent Coach Gary Garrett will count heavily on returning tailback Robert Peterson who rushed for over 1,000 yards last year.

Three defensive starters and four offensive starters return to serve as a nucleus for the 'Jackets.

Superior ribbons for every performance and an overall supersquad rating are the prizes brought to MHS by cheerleaders from clinic at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Upholding the tradition of "Superior Cheerleaders" which MHS has had for the past six years are head cheerer Nan Jones, Phyllis Conwell, Leslie Davis, Ann Frye, Ann Gauntt, and Debbie Kunkel.

Sponsor Jane Jones accompanied the girls to clinic Aug. 8-12.

Bulldog growls--

MHSers value winning attitude

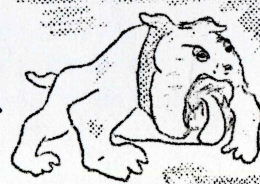
by Chuck Reynolds

Over the past two seasons Montevallo High School has built a winning tradition which should carry over into this year.

A team that believes in winning and is used to victory will give 110% to achieve its goal. Win, lose, or draw, when the Bulldogs give all they have, they'll be a team to watch and be proud of.

"This season's Bulldogs

are inexperienced but grew rapidly in the spring jamboree with Thompson.



'Dogs will host tourney

For the sixth year MHS will host Area 7's basketball tournament. The date is Feb. 20-25, 1978.

Principal W. C. Corbett obtained tourney rights at the Athletic Legislative Council meeting in Montgomery July 14.

The Region playoff for Areas 7 and 8 will be held at Asheville, Feb. 26.

"They've shown winning qualities both last spring and throughout this summer," Coach Richard Gilliam praises.

"They're small but make up for it in desire and guts. The size of an athlete is more in his heart than in physical stature," Coach Gilliam remarks optimistically as his 1977 MHS squad sets out to uphold a winning tradition.

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Football field will be dedicated

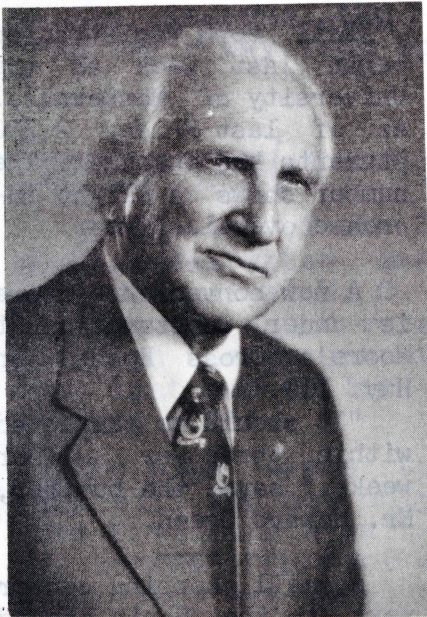
MHS'S FOOTBALL STADIUM will have an official title in two weeks. It will be named Fisher Stadium in honor of the late Mr. Theron Fisher who served as coach at MHS for almost twenty-two years. The dedication ceremony is set for Friday night, Sept. 30, at 7:15 before the Montevallo-Jemison football game.

Mr. Cliff Harper, associate commissioner of the Southeastern Conference in Birmingham, will be guest speaker. Mr. Fisher and Mr. Harper were classmates and football teammates at Birmingham Southern College.

Taught history, civics

Mr. Fisher began work at MHS in 1947 as a coach. He was later appointed head coach and then athletic director, the capacity in which he served until his death in February 1968.

While at MHS he also taught civics and Alabama history and worked with
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MR. CLIFF HARPER

SEC Associate Commissioner

For Juniors--

Magazine sales to start

Junior class members will kick off the annual magazine sale Monday morning.

The entire class and their sponsors Cathy Bearden, Barbara Belisle, and Danny Goggins will meet with a representative of the Murphy Company for explanation of the campaign and to learn selling tips.

Profits will be used to finance the junior-senior prom which is held annually in the spring.

Last year's junior class sales totaled \$1,896.29.

That class's prom was held at Howard Johnson Motor Lodge in Hoover, with music by Avery Richardson's band.

"It was very successful," and I hope these juniors will consider this location again this spring," Mrs. Bearden comments.

"I have the feeling we have some very energetic kids who will work hard on the sales. I'd like to see them outdo last year's students," Mrs. Belisle says.

School tries new 'tardy' plan

A NEW TARDY CHECK PROCEDURE is in effect this fall at MHS. Instead of reporting to the office for permission to enter class late, students simply report to class, under the new program. Teachers record tardies, and at the end of the day they give to the office a list of those students who reported late for each class.

Principal W. C. Corbett then compiles the names. School policy calls for any student who is tardy three times in a calendar month to be suspended or receive corporal punishment. "The new system is already working out better than the one used in the past," the principal notes.

Montevallo schools open smoothly

Montevallo's other schools, Montevallo Elementary and Montevallo Middle, resumed classes Aug. 24 as did the high school.

"We've gotten off to a smooth beginning," notes MES principal Doris Jeter. She adds that the faculty held a Parents' Night last night and Open House is scheduled Oct. 3.

Enrollment at MES is 586, an increase of 74 over last year's.

New instructors are Mrs. Aurlinda Hagler and Mrs. Denise Owens. Five student teachers have begun their practice there also.

Miss Danielle Prichard is a new teacher at the middle school, which has an enrollment of 351.

"It appears this will be a fine year; we've had a good start and have a great student body," Principal Jimmy Jones says of Montevallo Middle School.

Dedication-- (Cont'd)

the town's summer recreation program.

His widow, Mrs. Bonnie Fisher, resides in Montevallo and works at the University of Montevallo. She will unveil the sign bearing Mr. Fisher's name during the ceremonies.

2 Children

Coach Fisher's son Barclay ('59) and daughter Elaine ('61) are MHS graduates. Barclay lives in Georgia and Elaine in North Carolina.

Members of the dedication committee who are planning the event, sponsored by Bulldog Boosters, are Principal W. C. Corbett and teachers Frances Anthony, Don Benton, and Susie DeMent.

2 begin college work

MHS seniors Iris Smitherman and Greg Hardin already have their college experience underway while still in high school.

Iris took introduction to computers and art during summer session at the University of Montevallo.

Greg just began calculus-170 last week as the fall semester started at UM.

It's news downtown--

Center holds old and new

Vallo Plaza Shopping center, housing two stores, located on Hwy. 25, recently opened.

Bill's Dollar Store, (moved from Main Street) and Piggly Wiggley Supermarket opened in August.

Another firm, Kentucky Fried Chicken, is scheduled to open inside the Plaza Sept. 15.

Yesterday the Junior Shop held its grand opening.

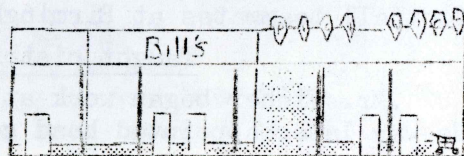
The new business, a division of the Elizabeth Shoppe is located on Main Street. According to managers Pam and Paula Guthrie (MHS '77), it features only items in junior styles and sizes.

Newspaper drive will aid budget

SPOTLIGHTers will sponsor a paper drive next Monday through Wednesday. "We'll use the funds from this help to cover production costs," explains adviser Cathy Bearden.

Anyone with old newspapers can drop them in the canister that will be located next to the concession stand at the baseball field on Oak Street.

Consolidated Fiber will furnish the canister and purchase the collected newspapers. Magazines cannot be accepted for recycling.



Fall term registration began last week as the University of Montevallo. As of last Friday 2,250 students had enrolled. The number shows a slight increase over last year.

A new convenience store is under construction at Moore's Cross Roads on Hwy. 119.

"It should be completed within three or four weeks," says the builder, Mr. Howard Green.

A small shopping center next to the Sonic opened recently. It holds the Junior Food Mart which is open 24 hours a day and a laundromat, also open all day and night.

Out front -- and movin' on!



Troubadours merit acclaim

Many band members cancelled their vacations and other summer activities to spend hours in the blazing sun. These practice sessions paid off, though, for the Troubadours' have been in fine form for the first games of the season.

The band is indeed a big part of MHS, with a fourth of the student body in the organization to which everyone points with pride. The stirring productions by the flag corps, majorettes, drum major, and musicians generate a lot of spirit for the Bulldogs.

This group and its director Jim Weese certainly deserve the rounds of applause that come their way from appreciative fans.

Tardy policy saves class time

At the end of the last school year frequent tardies disrupted many classes at MHS. This year Principal W. C. Corbett has developed a new system which cuts down on the amount of time lost due to lateness of a few.

The plan seems to work well for not only does it eliminate waiting in the office for a tardy slip but it also prevents a second interruption of class when the student presents the note.

'Spotlight seeks help with drive

Pictures have proven to be the most popular attraction in SPOTLIGHT over the past years.

However, they make each issue cost considerably more. To offset this expense, SPOTLIGHTers have planned a paper drive Sept. 12-15.

Not only will this help SPOTLIGHT's budget but it will also help the environment as fewer trees need to be cut to make newspaper when old paper is recycled.

Contributions to the drive will be appreciated by the staff.

SC says, 'Thanks'

Dear Editor,

We thank the student body for supporting the sockhop last Friday night.

With this kind of support, we will be almost unlimited in the projects that can be accomplished this year.

Greg Hardin
SC Treasurer

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3 dates for use--

Computer gives 'advice' to students

Three times this semester MHSers will have access to an Alabama Occupational Service terminal.

The terminal, which is furnished by the Shelby County Board of Education, is connected to a computer in Montgomery.

By keying various codes students can receive information about colleges and universities of their choice, occupations they might like to follow, and financial aid.

County placement coordinator Evan Major has set Sept. 19-23, Oct. 31-Nov. 4, and Nov. 28-Dec. 2 as the dates for MHS to have the terminal.

It will be located in the office and will be connected to Principal W. C. Corbett's phone. "Students may use the terminal on an individual basis. I'll be available if anyone needs help," says guidance counselor Frances Anthony.

Navy ROTC will describe plan

Juniors and seniors interested in the Navy ROTC program should report to Room 102 today at fourth period. An officer information team will discuss Navy programs with MHSers according to Scholarship Programs Officer Andre P. Foster of Montgomery.

Any questions about scholarships provided by the Navy and life in the ROTC program will be answered by a recent graduate of Auburn who completed the NROTC program there and a recent Naval Academy graduate.

"This will be an excellent opportunity to get information which might be of help in planning colleges or careers," says guidance counselor Frances Anthony.

Students voice opinions on TV

Three classes of Montevallo students are now "stars" on local television. They appeared on WBIQTV, Channel 10, on the "Metrospec" program in a film entitled "Back to School...Terrific."

On the film Mr. Karl Perkins of the University of Montevallo ETV center asked questions concerning school of MHS's senior sociology class taught by Mr. Don Benton, class 8D under the direction of teacher Charles Averhart at Montevallo Middle School, and Mrs. Teresa Nichols's first grade at Montevallo Elementary.



Band faces 'instant' grades

Band director Jim Weese plans to rate the Troubadours after each performance this season as he did last year. He posts the score, 0-10, in the band room each Friday night.

The band earned a 9.0 for the Francis Marion halftime show at the first game of the season. Last year that grade was 7.5.

The purpose of this grading is to ready the band for contests by letting the group realize how well they are performing according to Mr. Weese.

Some of the MHS students interviewed were Glenn Anthony, Jeanette Crowson, Albert Jones, Nan Jones, Pamela Henley, and Mary Sherrer.

ACT to be offered MHSers next month

The ACT (American College Testing Program) will be offered to juniors and seniors Saturday, Oct. 8.

This test is recommended to be taken in the junior or early senior year for students who plan to attend college.

Interested students may contact guidance counselor Frances Anthony for information to register before the Sept. 10 deadline.

The test will also be given on Nov. 19, Feb. 11, Apr. 1, and June 17.

Council holds hop

Last Friday night the Student Council sponsored the first sockhop of the season. "Proceeds will go toward fixing the sidewalks," says SC president Mike Beers.

Will teach sign language--

Students 'talk' to deaf

by Iris Smitherman

JUNIORS KATHY CROWE AND BETH ROCHESTER can "speak" with their hands. They have been interpreting sermons and hymns for the deaf during services held at University Baptist Church for almost four years.

Beth explains that she and Kathy learned the language for the deaf from UM speech pathology majors who attended their church before their graduation five years ago. Each year they attend the Alabama Baptist Convention for the Deaf in Talladega where they meet interpreters as well as deaf people from across the state. At the conventions each girl has acted as interpreter for the blind-deaf as well as the deaf.

"I enjoyed all the work I've done with these 'special' people, and now Kathy and I would like to teach others to talk with them," Beth says.

Beginning Sept. 11 the two girls will teach a sign language class at University Baptist Church.

Beth smiles as she comments, "We hope to have a large class so we can split them by age and the groups will be able to learn the skill more quickly.

The course is open to the public free of charge. Classes begin at 6:00 p.m. Interested persons may contact Beth or Kathy for more information.

'Montolo' staff works

The 1977-78 yearbook staff began work in August with advertisement sales. They are still in process of contacting local businesses who may wish to be included in the book.

"We're anticipating a record sale of ads this year," advisor Frances Anthony comments.

Last year's MONTALAs are expected to arrive within the next few weeks according to Mrs. Anthony.

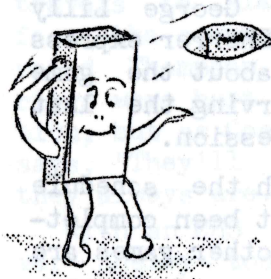
Club plans action

Plans are underway for several performances by the dramatics club according to the sponsor, Mrs. Barbara Belisle.

A Christmas play is first on the agenda, followed by an individual talent program in which members will do poems, monologues, and other selections. In the spring, the group will perform a three-act play, Mrs. Belisle reveals.

Locker Laughs ---

No harm was meant; just friends



Football season
Is underway,
With eight more games
Left to play.
The student body's
In motion, too,
By bringing a chuckle
Or smile to you.



In 2nd period democracy class, teacher George Lilly told the students that the airlines didn't like for anyone to say the word "hijack" while riding in an airplane.

Senior Sheri Barrow asked, "What if you were just talking to some guy and said, 'Hi, Jack'?"

Senior Anne Tolbert was telling fellow classmates how to say their names in Spanish.

Wanting to know how to pronounce her mother's name, Cathy Belisle asked, "How do you say Barbara in Spanish--Barbarino?"

Everyone in homeroom was answering roll call with the typical "here." However, when her name was called, junior Emily Steele absent-mindedly waved her hand and called, "Hello."

Senior Ann Tolbert exclaimed, "Cathy, you have new shoes. Your sole is still clean." Senior Gail Hill added, "You know that you're going to heaven!"

As sociology teacher Don Benton listed cultural traits he named, "Baseball, motherhood, apple pie," and the class finished with, "and Chevrolet!"

Girls begin volleyball season

THE GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL team opened its season of 13 games with a match against Pelham yesterday.

Senior team members are Suzanette Campbell, Linda Chism, and Nan Jones. Other players returning are junior Phyllis Conwell and sophomores Jan Gauntt, Jennifer Rutledge, and Fredia Thrift. Sheila Goode and Cathy Holmes are new to the squad this year.

Coach Dot Bishop expresses hopes of the team's returning to state playoffs again this season. "At present we're still working on fundamentals to get back in shape," she notes.

Here is the schedule for the upcoming season:

Sept. 15	Thompson	H
20	Vincent-Chelsea	
	at Chelsea	
22	Columbiana	H
27	Selma at Thompson	
29	Calera-Indian	
	Springs	H
Oct. 4	Tuscaloosa at	
	Thompson	
8	Thompson Invita-	
	tional--There	
11	Thorsby-Chelsea	H
13	Thompson	T
18	Bibb County at	
	Thompson	
20	Berry at Thompson	
27	Bibb County	T

The Area Tournament will be played at Montevallo, Nov. 5. Region playoff is to be arranged.

Jacksonville State will host the State Meet.

Cheerers sell colors

Cheerleaders have added more color to MHS's fans this year by selling blue and orange shakers. Shakers are 50¢ each and are available from any of the cheerleaders.

Money from the project will be used to pay expenses whenever the group travels to away games according to head Nan Jones.

B team efforts please coaches

MHS's B team season opens against the Hornets at Chelsea next Monday. Game time is 7:30.

Coaches George Lilly and Bobby Sherrer express optimism about the game after observing the last practice session.

Although the schedule has not yet been completed, three other games are definite:

Sept. 26	at Calera
Oct. 3	Chelsea at MHS
Oct. 10	Calera at MHS

Discrimination in phys ed falls

After this year, physical education classes will no longer be grouped according to sex. Instructors Dot Bishop and Richard Gilliam are planning to exchange groups and mix the two several times this year.

For the past two weeks both boys and girls have worked on general conditioning to get in shape.

Archery and football appreciation are next on the agenda. The classes will be divided by skill to make up the groups. After these units, females will take part in weight training while the males learn to play soccer and speedball.

The class will then be divided again by skill rather than sex to play volleyball and basketball according to the coaches.

Student body pep rallies come up short

by Chuck Reynolds

Spirit is a lacking factor at MHS thus far this year.



Clear proof is the attitudes shown at two pep rallies leading off the Bulldogs' attempt for a third straight trip to the state football playoffs.

Cheerleaders, band members, and even the football players themselves attempt to fire up the squad. However, with little support from the student body, the pep rallies are in "rain."

MHSers must remember that the team represents them, and without their full support, attitudes among the players can be lowered and spirit lost.

MHS will need full support to pull out a victory tonight as Shelby's Wildcats will no doubt be after revenge for the 18-0 loss to the 'Dogs in '76.

Bulldogs hear former Sooner quarterback

Five MHS athletes attended the "Night of Champions" sponsored by Birmingham Adult FCA chapter, Aug. 27, at Birmingham Southern, where Mr. Steve Davis, quarterback for the Oklahoma Sooners in 1974 when they won a national title, was guest speaker.

National FCA staffer Paul Morehouse explained different aspects of FCA; and Mr. Mike Blaylock, chaplain for Kansas City Royals baseball team, provided music.

Mr. Andy Wilson, who spoke to the Bulldogs last year before the state play-off game with Hokes Bluff, served as emcee.

MHSers attending were Mike Beers, Lester Cathey, Lee Clayton, Terry Cutts, and Jeff Lucas.

Coach Richard Gilliam notes, "I wish more could have gone; it could have made a difference in their lives."

'Dogs win 27-19 opening night--

MHS whips Francis Marion

The Bulldogs took their eleventh consecutive victory in area play beating Francis Marion 27-19 in the season opener at Montevallo Aug. 26. Coach Richard Gilliam says, "I'm proud of the win but we can do a lot better."

Terry McCarey, gaining 152 yards, and Willie Rutledge, 139, led the Bulldogs offensively. McCarey, one of the two returning starters, also scored two touchdowns and passed to Jerome Tolbert for a third. Chuck Reynolds went over from the one following an initial 60-yd. drive for the first TD. Rutledge tacked on a two-point conversion and Barry Kornegay kicked a PAT.

Montevallo held the Rams to only 38 yards rushing, but allowed 129 yards through the air. Ram quarterback Ricky Coleman ran two touchdowns and passed to Stacy Turner for the losers' points.

Title may be on line--

Wildcats, Warriors wait

by Greg Hardin

CAN MONTEVALLO PULL OFF two major upsets in a row? That's what the Bulldogs must do to stay in contention for the county football title. Tonight the 'Dogs face Shelby County High and next Friday they meet the Thompson Warriors who handed them their only defeat during the regular season last year.

MHS will see nearly the same team they defeated last year, 18-0, when they travel to Columbiana tonight. The Wildcats have 9 of the 11 starters from the '76 squad, whereas Montevallo has only 2. Shelby, who defeated the Bulldogs 15 times before the MHS victory last year, is tagged the county's No. 1 team by local sportswriters.

"The Wildcats have more sheer strength than any other county team this year due to a summer weight program," Coach Richard Gilliam notes.

Next Friday Montevallo travels to Alabaster to face the county's No. 3 rated Thompson. The Warriors were hurt by graduation, but as Coach Gilliam says, "They'll be tough; they always are."

With an MHS victory over Shelby tonight, next week's match with Thompson could well be a title bout.

Chelsea falls as second wind wins for 'Dogs

Trailing 12-7 at half-time, a fired-up pack of Bulldogs came alive in the second half to devastate Chelsea 26-12 last Friday.

Montevallo racked up three touchdowns while holding the Hornets scoreless after intermission.

2 quickies

Both Chelsea's TD's came in the second quarter.

After Rick Steele scored from the 5, the Bulldogs fumbled the following kick-off and Norman Poe picked it off and ran in again.

Rutledge Runs

Willie Rutledge led the ground game for MHS racking up 118 yards and putting six points on the board.

Terry McCarey shone in the scoring department with three TD's. Barry Kornegay booted two PAT's.

Coach Richard Gilliam praised Kelvin Lilly, Jeff Lucas, McCarey, Tim Otts, Sam Purnell, Chuck Reynolds, and Jerome Tolbert for their defensive work.

Classes avoid routine format--

Students learn through senses, expression

OBSERVING, SPEAKING, AND ILLUSTRATING are all a part of school work at MHS as well as "those" three R's. Students enrolled in art, speech, Journalism I, and Democracy found this to be true during their first week of classes this fall.

Art classes started the year with colorful chalk self-portraits. "The drawings were more of a fun thing, but they also symbolized something in each person. Later in the year every student will be able to see how much he has improved," instructor Ann Parker explains.

"Back to the drawing board"

"It was easy to recognize some people from their portraits, but most of us need to work a little harder," laughs Jackie Harrell.

Before beginning public speaking, speech students are familiarizing themselves with vibrators, resonators, articulators, and breathing structures. They are also studying the mechanics of speech and correcting their pronunciation of words under the direction of teacher Barbara Belisle.

Restrictions eased for driving trainees

The driver's education classes have one less requirement this year. Students can now drive with instructor Charles Martin without having a driver's permit.

The state policy was changed for many students who were unable to get permits for various reasons could not graduate as they lacked driver's education class credit.

"I'm excited about learning to speak precisely," senior Vickie Lilly says.

Look, listen, smell

First year journalism students have been practicing listening, looking, and smelling.

Teacher Cathy Bearden says both classes have completed a variety of activities in an observation unit.

During one session students described figures to each other, and in another they had class outside, where they recorded their observations. Several other assignments encouraged them to closely inspect their surroundings.

Promote awareness

The purpose of the unit was to make students more aware of their environment according to Mrs. Bearden.

Democracy students began work by reciting the preamble to the Constitution. Those who correctly quoted the selection were awarded points by teacher George Lilly.

Seniors will 'sit'

Seniors will pose for their individual portraits Sept. 29.

Waldrup studios of Birmingham will make the pictures. Proofs should be returned in November according to guidance counselor Frances Anthony.

Junior Miss contest attracts 3

MHS seniors Sybille Cathey, Gail Hill, and Vickie Lilly joined 18 other senior girls from across Shelby County at a tea Aug. 27 at Foothills Restaurant in Oak Mountain. Each school in the county was represented at the affair sponsored by the Shelby County Junior Miss Program to acquaint the girls with the contest.

The girls viewed a film of former Junior Miss Pageants around the county, and listened to talks by Miss Darcy Booth, last year's winner, and Mr. John Wesphal, president of the program.

"I enjoyed the tea and meeting girls from other schools. I hope other Montevallo seniors will attend the next meeting on Sept. 18 when we learn more about the program," Gail says.

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Students get break

On Thursday, Oct. 6, MHSers will be excused at 11:30 for a half-day holiday.

Faculty members will go to Columbiana for a 2 p.m. in-service meeting, to be followed by an Education Associational meeting at 3:15, while students enjoy a free afternoon.

DEDICATION NEXT FRIDAY

Field will be Fisher Stadium

IN A SPECIAL PRE-GAME CEREMONY next Friday, MHS's football field will be dedicated to a former coach, Theron Fisher. The stadium will officially become Fisher Stadium as Dr. Bill Fancher, chairman of the school's trustees, announces the name and Mrs. Bonnie Fisher, widow of the late coach, unveils the sign atop the scoreboard.

SEC associate commissioner Cliff Harper will give the dedication speech. Others included in the ceremonies are Coach Fisher's sisters Mrs. Mildred Pinion and Mrs. Belle Bowers; and his children, Elaine and Barclay.

Platform Guests

Among invited platform guests are Dr. Charles Gormley, school director when Mr. Fisher was coach; Mrs. Elaine Hughes of the Board of Education, Superintendent of Shelby County Schools Elvin Hill, (Cont'd p. 2)



COACH THERON FISHER

Records tell story

By Jeff Lucas

AFTER DEDICATION CEREMONIES next Friday night, MHS's football stadium will bear the name of one of the school's most outstanding coaches--Mr. Theron Fisher.

Coach Fisher is well remembered at MHS for fine records in all three major sports. Of special note are:

Football

Shelby County title, 1958
Mid-State Conference title, 1959
3A State title, 1959
2A State title, 1960

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REMEMBERING AND PLANNING

Principal W. C. Corbett discusses stadium dedication with Mrs. Bonnie Fisher.

Meeting set

Montevallo Elementary School will hold Open House for Montevallo PTA Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m. The third grade will provide the program according to MES Principal Doris Jeter.

Vandals hit band room, gym

MHS's band room and gym were vandalized last Saturday evening during the Thompson - MHS football game. A turn table and amplifier were among articles stolen. Four cars were broken into also.

Montevallo Police Chief Troy Kirkland says, "The case is being investigated and we are close to an arrest. He asks students and townspeople to advise the police of any unusual events or strange people seen around the school.

Mr. Kirkland reminds everyone to take special precautions to prevent any further thefts. He also asks teachers to be extra cautious about locking all windows and doors before leaving the building.

Field to be dedicated --(Cont'd)

President Dr. James Vickery; and Dr. Joe Brindley, executive assistant to the UM president.

MHS Principal W. C. Corbett, who coached with Mr. Fisher at MHS, will coordinate the ceremonies. School trustee Grady Parker will give the invocation.

Special guests

On hand also as special guests will be Coach Fred Cameron, the only coach remaining in the county whose teams played against Coach Fisher's; Athletic Booster President Mary Ross; Montevallo Mayor Ralph Sears, State Representative Curtis Smith, Senator Lister Hill Proctor; and Shelby County Probate Judge Tommy Snowden.

The MHS band will play the National Anthem and the Alma Mater as part of the dedication ceremony, which begins at 7:15.

It's news downtown--

Ford dealer holds youngsters' contest

The annual punt, pass, and kick contest will be sponsored by Sherman Holland Ford.

Any youngster 8 through 13 years of age, accompanied by a parent or guardian, may register to compete in the event which will be held

newspaper is now distributed on Sundays as well as Thursdays.

Headquarters for the paper are in Pelham.

Singer B. J. Thomas is slated to perform Thursday, Oct. 6, in Palmer Hall at 8:00 p. m. Tickets go on sale at the UM Post Office today.

Cross Roads Food Mart is scheduled to open Sept. 28. A restaurant featuring barbecue will open next door on the same day.

According to Mr. Howard Green another store will be added later to the small shopping center which is located in the Moores Cross community.

Famous prints liven library walls

New "touches" brighten MHS's library. They are four prints, reproductions of work of famous artists such as Vincent Van Gogh.

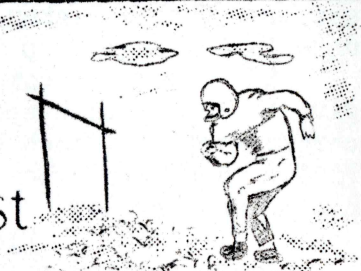
The prints were purchased as gifts from the Guy Milford Memorial Fund. Montevallo PTA headed the project and bought the prints with donations remaining after purchasing library furnishings.

Second year home economics students helped with hanging the prints after completing a unit on accessories.

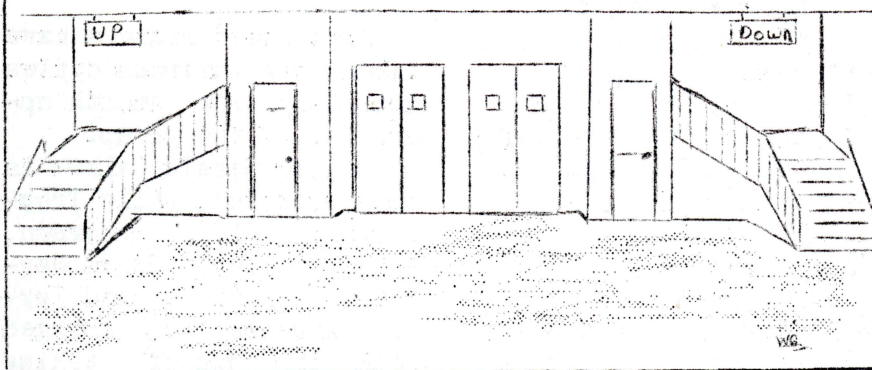
The Montevallo Extension Homemakers Club won second prize at the Shelby County Fair last week.

Their display included afghans, quilts, and pillows made by members of the group.

SHELBY COUNTY NEWS recently began publishing on a bi-weekly basis. The



Could this be the solution?



Ups and downs cause traffic jams

Last year traffic congestion became quite a problem in the hallways.

Confusion during class changes is once again a problem. Many pupils make it difficult to go up or down the staircase for so many mob the stairs at once.

As some wait to go up or down, traffic gradually backs up in the hallway causing other students to shove their way through the crowd.

Perhaps if one set of stairs were marked "Up" and the other "Down" rather than MHSers trying to go both directions on the same side, much of the congestion could be eliminated.

Students voice displeasure

Dear Editor:

There seems to be a slight lunchroom problem for students who go to the vocational center. We do not have enough time to eat lunch. We understand that other students have to be in the lunchroom at the same time we are; however, those who go to the Center are usually the ones at the end of the line.

Another problem is students breaking line. We don't blame everyone for wanting to hurry and get lunch, but students who attend the Center have less time to eat than those who do not.

Perhaps those who do not attend the Center could allow vocational students a little time to get lunch first; it would take only about five minutes.

Mary Thompson

Senior vocational student

Dear Editor:

It is discouraging to see that MHSers do not take enough interest in their football team to stand up and cheer at the Friday pep rallies. Many seem to take advantage of pep rally time by going to the auditorium simply to get out of class for a chat with friends.

In order to make these pep rallies really mean something, classes (seniors, juniors, etc.) should sit together in specially reserved sections of seats.

This way, a spirit award could be given the class that really deserves it. This should also help raise enthusiasm as the groups compete with each other.

Vickie Lilly
Senior

Help appreciated

SPOTLIGHT staff appreciates the help of those who donated newspapers to the recent paper drive.

We thank you for your support and hope to add more pictures to future issues to make MHS's newspaper more interesting to you.

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2 new groups formed--

Clubs will meet next week

ACTIVITY PERIOD GETS UNDERWAY next Tuesday. At this time various clubs meet on a rotating basis for thirty minutes at the end of the homeroom period.

Two new clubs being organized this year are the archery club sponsored by physical education teacher Dot Bishop and the journalism club under direction of Mrs. Cathy Bearden. All MHSers are eligible for the archery group, but only journalism II students can belong to this club.

The schedule shows: 1st Tuesday--FFA, FHA, Honor Society, and Library Club. 2nd Tues.--Health Careers, Student Council, Archery Club, and Chorus. 3rd Tues.--Junior Academy of Science, Dramatics Club, Future Secretaries, and Math Club. 4th Tues.--Lively Arts, Spanish Club, Journalism Club, and FCA. Students not in a club will remain in homeroom for study hall during activity period.



Band helps out with housework

Band staff members have taken over numerous duties necessary for smooth operation of the group.

Junior Gerald Walker is quartermaster, while Troubadours Cliff Anderson, Benji Dailey, Stark Harbour, Gail Hill, and Taylor Lawrence are charged with the job of taking care of the equipment.

"The work of this group is very important. The organization has been a real help to me in keeping facilities of the band room in order," director Jim Weese comments.

Junior class elects Anthony president; mag sales continue

Juniors have been busy in the last week with class elections and magazine sales.

Officers are Glenn Anthony, president; Kevin Hughes, vice president; Rene Davis, secretary; and Scobie Wilcoxon, treasurer.

On the first report day of the magazine sales, Mark Baker was awarded a cassette tape recorder for being top salesman. Mark turned in \$150.15.

The project will continue until next Friday. Profits will be used for the junior-senior prom to be held in the spring.

Faculty advisers for the juniors are Mrs. Cathy Bearden, Mrs. Barbara Belisle, and Mr. Danny Goggins.

UM observers watch band

Troubadours have been seeing three different faces around the bandroom.. University of Montevallo students Mark Horton, Susan Robinson, and Jim Tally have been observing the Troubadours' warmups, marching, and playing for the past month.

Band director Jim Weese explains, "The observers are using the band for a 'lab' in order to gain more knowledge of marching techniques."

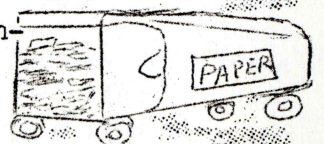
Mr. Weese has continued to rate the band since their first performance this fall. The band earned an 8.5 for their work at the Chelsea game, 9.5 for the Shelby County performance, and 9.5 for their halftime presentation at the Thompson game.

Newspaper drive nets \$23.40

Many students, teachers, and Montevallo citizens added newspapers daily to the container placed on the front campus of MHS last week. They were contributing to the SPOTLIGHT paper drive.

The staff collected 4,680 lbs. of newsprint for which Consolidated Fiber paid \$23.40.

"This venture did not prove to be as profitable as we had hoped or needed it to be, but we do appreciate the fine support which both the school and surrounding communities gave us on the project," says SPOTLIGHT adviser Cathy Bearden.



Freshman cuts Nashville record

by Beth Rochester

Freshman Julanda Nieves has already embarked on a singing career. The young singer who has been singing in church since a very young age recently cut a record under the direction of producer Ron Manning in Nashville.

The record features the song, "Baby Ain't a Baby Anymore," and on the flip side, "It's Alright."

Julanda has performed several times on the Country Boy Eddie Show on WBRC in Birmingham. Julanda explains that she entered the talent show at Furniture Village in Montevallo which Country Boy Eddie attended. He saw her and asked her to be on his show.

When Mr. Manning heard Julanda on the program, he immediately asked for her parents' names and where she lived. He met her when she returned home and plans were made for her future.

Julanda loves her work and is very dedicated. She played the piano for five years and just recently started taking lessons on the guitar.

According to her parents Julanda usually puts in eight hours a day practicing—mainly on voice.

"I would like to become a famous singer one day," hopes Julanda.



Sign language class attracts 25

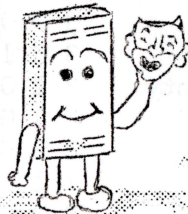
Approximately twenty people attended the first sign language class at the University Baptist Church Sept. 11.

The class, taught by juniors Kathy Crowe and Beth Rochester, will continue through May. Interested persons may still attend the sessions.

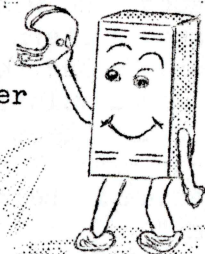
The class has already learned the alphabet and a few basic words. "We are really excited about the turnout, and we hope to make it worth learning," Beth exclaims.

Locker Laughs

Class Comedians get chuckles



Football season
Is really in,
With shouts of cheer
And hopes to win.
Everyone seems
Off and running,
But all make time
For silly punning.



Students observe lamp demonstration

Home economics classes learned how to make oriental lamps under direction of Miss Gail Box, a home service advisor from Alabama Power Company.



Miss Box demonstrated the different steps in making the lamp and explained how the students could construct their own.

"I'm really excited about making one now for my bedroom," says junior Donna Salter.

In speech class while students were acting out pantomime, teacher Barbara Belisle commented, "I'm finding out I've got a bunch of hams in here."

Whereupon senior Ann Tolbert remarked, "I want some!"

In pre-algebra class students asked teacher Jim Hermecz why he gave so much homework. Mr. Hermecz replied, "You know why? Because I like you."

Freshman Beverly Lilly quickly retorted, "Hate me, hate me!"

Students in 5th period US history were going over homework. When asked who was the famous Pontiac, junior Paul Hudson came up with, "A car!"

Senior Gail Hill had a case of hiccups in college prep English, and teacher Frances Anthony asked her if she needed some water.

"Water doesn't cure my hiccups," Gail answered.

Mrs. Anthony then asked, "Well, do you want a Rolaid?"

"No! I don't want relief," Gail exclaimed.

Records tell story-- (Cont'd)

Basketball

Shelby County title, 1957 to 1959

Mid-State Conference title, 1961

Coach Fisher was very dedicated to coaching baseball and was highly respected state-wide for his know-how in this field. Besides coaching a Shelby County championship team the majority of his years, almost every season one member from his team was an area representative to the East-West All-Star game in Birmingham. In 1950 his Bulldogs won second place in the state in baseball.

In 1956 his MHSers claimed the North Alabama title and in 1959, the Mid-State Conference.

Outstanding Person

"It was a real privilege to have worked with Coach Fisher for 13 years. He was a coach, teacher, and an outstanding person who influenced the lives of many.

"Besides time, energy, and knowledge, he actually gave himself to the youth of this community for over twenty years," says Principal W. C. Corbett.

Disciplinarian

Mr. Charles Martin, drivers ed teacher and former MHS head football coach adds, "He was a fine coach and a stern disciplinarian. He had the highest of moral values.

"He could beat you in an honest way. I am proud the stadium is being named for him."

Born in Sparta, Tenn., Mr. Fisher moved to North Alabama at an early age.

After finishing Rison High School in Huntsville, he attended and was graduated from Birmingham Southern College. There he played first base on the baseball team and tackle in football.

He began his coaching career at Frisco City, where he coached his first state high school championship football team in 1935.

Other places he coached before he came to Montevallo are Flomaton, LaFayette, Dadeville, Ensley, and Greenville.

Title race is close

The county championship is still up for grabs with Calera and Montevallo at the top.

Overall records

	W	L	T
Calera	3	0	0
Montevallo	3	0	1
Shelby County	3	1	0
Vincent	2	1	0
Pelham	2	2	0
Thompson	1	1	1
Chelsea	0	3	0

Area 7 loses 2 teams--

MHS stays in 2A classification

Montevallo will remain in 2A competition for the next two years. The school received this word last week from the Central Board of the Alabama High School Athletics, whose classification of schools is based on enrollment in the top three grades.

MHS's enrollment was listed as 289. The largest 2A school is Thomasville (300) and the smallest, St. Jude (160).

Bulldog grows--

Fences add protection

by Chuck Reynolds

A new dimension will be noticeable at MHS's football stadium next Friday night.



A new state regulation requires that all football fields be completely enclosed by fence before next season.

Montevallo's new fence is being sponsored by the Athletics Boosters Club, headed by Mrs. Mary Ross.

Club members Roy Ross and Bobby Hughes have contributed much time and effort in construction of the new enclosure. A professional fence builder, Mr. Bobby Lawley of Dogwood, has been hired to complete the construction.

According to Coach Richard Gilliam the new ruling is a safety precaution for spectators. The fencing should keep small children out of the end zone area.

Area 7 loses two members for 1978-80 as a realignment moves Blocton and Marion to Area 9.

Chelsea, MHS, Talladega County Training School, Vincent, and Winterboro will compose Area 7.

Area representatives will meet Nov. 21, 1977, to set up their 1978 and 1979 seasons' schedules. MHS Principal W.C. Corbett will coordinate the meeting for Area 7 at MHS.

6 weeks closes

First six weeks grading period ends today. Report cards will be distributed next Friday at 2:40 when a special bell rings and students return to homes-rooms.

Those students earning all A's will be named to the Principal's List to be announced later.

Officially it's Fisher Stadium--

MHS stadium gets a name

NUMEROUS DIGNITARIES, former MHS athletes, and Bulldog fans witnessed the dedication of the football field to the late Coach Theron Fisher last Friday night.

The program took place in a special pregame ceremony with Mr. Cliff Harper, SEC associate commissioner, as guest speaker. Mrs. Bonnie Fisher, Mr. Fisher's widow, unveiled the sign which proclaimed the field to be Fisher Stadium; and his son Barclay gave a brief speech of appreciation.

Band plays

The Troubadours opened the program with the National Anthem and closed it with the Alma Mater.

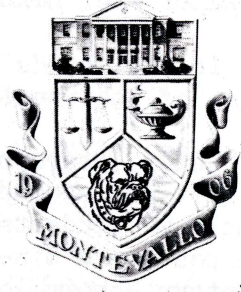
The new signs are located on top of the scoreboard and on the back of the press box so passers-by can see them from the street.

Boosters work


Mr. Bobby Hughes, a
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At State fairgrounds--

Band faces first big test tomorrow

MHS's MARCHING TROUBADOURS travel to Birmingham tomorrow to perform in the State Fairgrounds Marching Festival. This is the first time the group has participated in this competition. Their performance is scheduled for one o'clock.

Each unit, majorettes, flag corps, drum major, and the band itself, will be evaluated separately.

Band judges will be Mr. Dewey Countryman, Gadsden, Mr. Pete Crowder, Starkville, Miss.; Mr. Barry Hicks, Heritage, Tenn. Mr. Crowder was one of the judges for MHS last year at the Ft. Walton Beach Marching Festival where the Troubadours received a superior rating.

The color guard will be judged by Mr. Frank Godfrey

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WHICH WAY, SHAWN?

Field director Shawn Spicer (center) studies the formations for tomorrow's marching competition with band members (l - r) Billy Brantley, Gerald Walker, Albert Jones, and Gay Perkins.

Band competes

(Cont'd)

of Birmingham. Senior Shawn Spicer, drum major, will receive his rating from Mr. Jim Blais of Birmingham; and Miss Susan Burkette will judge majorettes.

Jamboree, Oct. 22

The band is joining other Shelby County High Schools Oct. 22 in the annual Band Jamboree to be staged at Thompson.

Tickets for the event are available from band students and boosters.

Raise trip money

In only two days band members sold 1,750 candles in a money-making venture.

"The intent of the candle sale was to raise \$2,000 for the band to travel to the annual Choc-tawhatchee Marching Contest Oct. 29, in Florida," band director Jim Weese explains.

It's News Downtown--

Mock trial planned for special week

In observance of Law Week, Oct. 10-14, there will be a mock trial at 7:00 p.m. at the Shelby County Court House in Columbia.

Principals from various schools will select several seniors to serve on the jury.

Kentucky Fried Chicken located at Vallo Plaza on Hwy. 25, recently opened its doors to the public. The franchise is under management of Mr. John McClain and Mr. Reggie Taton.

Plans for a drugstore

On national scholarship test--

Greg Hardin scores high

Senior Greg Hardin was presented a letter of commendation for his score on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. His score was only one point below the level required to become a semi-finalist.

"We're extremely proud of Greg because he scored in the top 2% of the high school students in the nation," comments Principal W. C. Corbett.

A four-year band member, Greg is treasurer of student council, a National Honor Society member, math club member, sports editor of MONTALA, and assistant editor of SPOTLIGHT.

He is president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship at his church and was a Boys Stater last summer.

Greg's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Hardin of Montevallo.

Journalists plan newspaper activities

MHS's three journalism classes will observe National Newspaper Week next week.

"Freedom in our hands" is the slogan of the event this year.

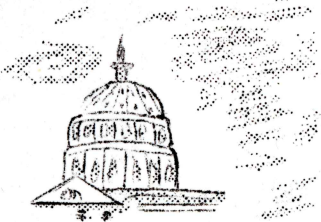
Teacher Cathy Bearden says both first and second year journalism students will design posters to display in Downtown Montevallo to make the public more aware of the observance.

"In addition journalism I classes will start a study of the history of newspapers in America to see how they have developed over the years and the role they have played in preserving personal freedom in our country," Mrs. Bearden adds.

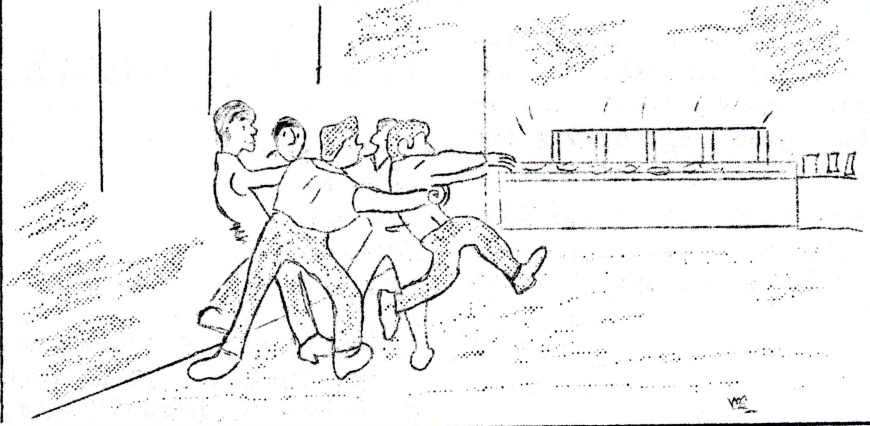
Stadium named (cont'd)

dedication, arranged for the construction and mounting of the signs.

"It was very fitting to name the stadium for Coach Fisher for he gave so much dedicated service to the school and had such a favorable influence on the lives of so many young men," comments teacher Susie Dement, who worked closely with Mr. Fisher 21 years.



Linebreakers detain others



Manners are lacking

Breaking line is still a problem in the cafeteria. Students continue to cut in line every day. Those who do this should either walk faster to the lunchroom or wait their turn at the back of the line.

In addition, MHSers should put their books down before they get in line, as many feel they may re-enter a line they were never really in if they take time to put their books on a table.

Although some type of a rail or barrier could be installed to keep students in a straight line while they wait for lunch, but it would be less expensive and more commendable if everyone would monitor themselves and learn to wait patiently for the meal.

Work creates successful event

Plans by a special committee, work of dedicated Bulldog boosters, music from the MHS band, and assistance from the University of Montevallo made the dedication of Fisher Stadium an excellent program. Extra work by several individuals made the ceremony a special time for the late coach's family.

Mr. Bobby Hughes was instrumental in the purchase of signs for the scoreboard and pressbox.

Special thanks go to the University of Montevallo for the use of a portable public address system, Mr. Karl Perkins of ETV who set it up, and the University's Operations Department for a platform for the ceremony.

Police merit appreciation

Although local police are capable people, they cannot perform thorough investigations without the help of the citizens in the area.

Those people who recently helped in the apprehension of the thieves who stole several articles from the MHS bandroom are greatly appreciated by MHSers.

Certainly everyone is thankful for the Police Department's role in solving this and similar cases.

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Essay contest open to seniors

MHS seniors have an opportunity to show their writing ability by entering the State Essay Contest. The theme for the essay, "What's Right with America," was originated by Senator Jim Allen two years ago during the Bicentennial celebration.

In order to qualify, students must be in the 12th grade and attend an Alabama public or private school. The paper should be approximately 200 words and written in ink.

Winners will receive savings bonds as follows: 1st--\$100; 2nd--\$75; 3rd--\$50; and 4th--\$25.

All entries must be postmarked by Nov. 1 and mailed to:

Sen. Jim Allen
6205 Dirksen Senator
Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

For further information seniors may check with advisors George Lilly, Ann Parker, and Doug Morris.

Wyatt wins again

Senior Mary Jane Wyatt, first chair flute with the Troubadours, has played her way to the top again.

After winning membership in the Birmingham Youth Symphony, she earned first chair in the flute section by outplaying 16 others.

Mary Jane was also first chair player in the Youth Symphony last year.

Classes will pose

Pictures of underclassmen will be taken Oct. 20 by Waldrup Studios. The photos will be available to the students, as well as being placed in the '78 MONTALA.

Pupils design 'works of art'

Art classes are getting into the "feel of things" as students do creative paintings and drawings. They completed two assignments last week.

First, the group painted decorative folders to hold their work until the end of the year.

Then they made collages from magazine pictures of eyes, lips, cars, and assorted other objects.

Senior Jackie Harrell comments, "I enjoy working at my own pace; it makes it easier and more exciting to paint."

Homerooms select SC reps

Student Council representatives were elected from each homeroom recently.

Ninth grade representatives are Wanda Bice, Jeanie Bolling, Danny DeLage, Ann Frye, Kathy Kirkland, Todd Lilly, Lolita McCarter, Felicia Phillips and Lisa Singh.

Tenth grade: Tina Barrow, Ronnie Holsombeck, Tina Sawyer, and Rita Tolbert.

Eleventh grade: Avery Jones, Karen Morris, Shawn Spicer, and Scobie Wilcoxon.

Twelfth grade: Bill Allen, Debbie Cottingham, Leslie Davis, Darrell Lawley, and Vanessa Young.

Special Education representatives are Michele Brown and Jimmy Lee Talley.

Students, teams ride new bus

MHS received a new bus Sept. 21 from the Shelby County Board of Education.

The bus, No. 77-1Q, went to driver Richard Gilliam. It will also be used to transport teams to various athletic events.

Replace old bus

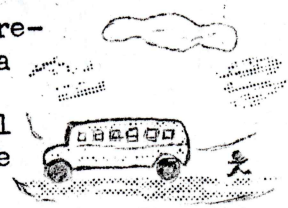
MHS also received newer model 69-8 from Thompson High School to replace the old bus driven by Bobby Sherrer.

The new '77 model buses have all state required safety features plus high back seats for the children who ride.

County buys 9

In keeping with their policy of not having a bus on the road that is over ten years old, the Board of Education bought nine other new buses to replace the county's older models.

Buses 64 and 67-4 were retired after the changes.



UM president speaks to PTA

Dr. James Vickery, new president of the University of Montevallo, listed three needs for the community when he addressed the Montevallo PTA Monday night at the elementary school's open house.

He stated that UM and the community should consider building a large civic center to handle events such as college graduation, concerts, etc.

Next, Dr. Vickery suggested that Montevallo High School develop a better choral music program, perhaps with help from UM.

Finally, he asked the community to get more involved politically in such projects as doing something about US Highway 119.

Principal W. C. Corbett says, "I agree with what Dr. Vickery said, and the high school will do everything it can to help him reach his goals."

TB test scheduled

On Oct. 17 the Shelby County Health Department will administer the tuberculin skin test to all school employees.

"Those being tested need to be in the auditorium at 9:00 a.m.," says Principal W. C. Corbett. "Student workers who expect to take the test need to bring permission slips signed by a parent or guardian," Mr. Corbett also advises.

SC makes profit

The student council raised over \$130 at the sock hop after the Jemison game last week.

"The money will go towards the homecoming dance and for the band," says SC treasurer Greg Hardin.

FHA plans trip

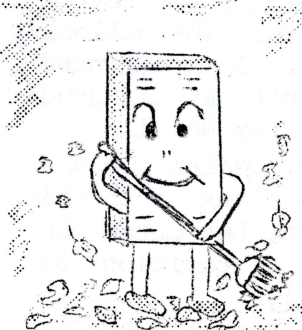
FHA members are planning to go to the State Fair grounds next Wednesday.

The group will leave after homeroom and return that afternoon.

According to advisors Junnie Craig and Rose Ellen Hankins the students will be required to view the home economics exhibits.

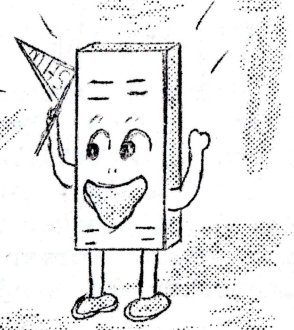
Locker Laughs--

Birthdate brings chuckle



Cool fall breezes
Fill the air.
Football fever's
Everywhere.

The faithful fans
Just keep grinnin'
As those Bulldogs
Keep on winnin'.



In Typing I class teacher Susie DeMent began, "Let's get warmed up!"

Sophomore LaNell Crocker quipped, "Well, turn off the air conditioner."

When teacher Jim Hermecz received a new metric stick, freshman Phillip Long asked, "Is that a metric stick?"

"No," answered Mr. Hermecz.

"Well, what kind of stick is it?" Phillip asked puzzledly.

Mr. Hermecz answered, "A wood stick."

5 senior men work part time

Five MHS seniors are participating in a work program sponsored by the Shelby County Vocational Center.

Donald Brantley works at the University of Montevallo in the airconditioning department.

Ronnie Clark also works at UM helping electricians. A landscaping firm employs Greg Lawley, and Kelly Payne works as a cashier at Moss's Food Center.

Alan Phillips is a mechanic at Leach Pontiac.

The students work half a day after attending morning classes at MHS.

Students in sociology were discussing birthdays. When junior Glenn Anthony said that his birthday was on Dec. 7, Pearl Harbor Day, senior Leslie Davis quipped, "Well, your mother really had a bomb, didn't she?"

In the same class, the teacher, Mr. Don Benton, said that one could tell how a person would turn out by his looks, adding, "Take David Lash; Al Capone is written all over his face."

Senior Jeanette Crowson said, "You mean Al-coholic!"

'Ribbon' sale aids athletics

Spirit ribbons for each football game are available every Friday during homeroom. Money from the project, headed by seniors Darrell Lawley and Jeff Lucas, will go to the athletic program.

The ribbons, ordered from a Houston, Texas, company, are "bigger and better this year than the ones used last year" according to Darrell.

"The ribbons, 25¢ each, alternate in color each week from blue to orange," he explains. For an additional 25¢, students can purchase special Bulldog decals for attaching the ribbons to one's clothing.

FCA visits church

MHS's FCA attended the First United Methodist Church of Montevallo's special Youth Night last Sunday. Guest speaker was Mr. Mike Neal, former Auburn linebacker and coach.

Dove fever hits MHS hunters

Dove season came in with a "bang" Sept. 17 for many MHSers.

Freshman Wade Bice, who has killed 25 birds since opening day, says, "There seems to be a lot of birds this year, and they're easier to hit."

Agribusiness teacher Tim Wiggins says he traveled to Graham, Ala., for a shoot where he "had a real good time and plenty of shooting."

Others who have spent a day in the fields include seniors Gary Ray, and Steve Rockco, sophomores Jimmy and Mike Cox, Lynn Dunn, John Horton, Billy Moss, and Kenneth Wilson and teachers Jim Hermecz and Doug Morris.

Dove season is split into two seasons with the first ending Nov. 2. The second is Dec. 23 to Jan. 14.

Bulldog Growls--

Bulldogs hold State hopes

by Chuck Reynolds

Nothing but golden opportunities face the Bulldogs as they enter the second half of the football season if they keep up their spirit.

Victories over Vincent tonight and Winterboro next week could almost wrap up the mid-state championship for MHS.

County wins needed

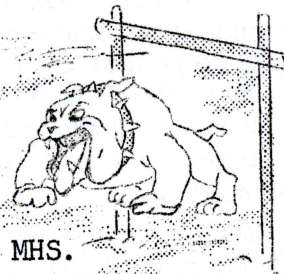
Looking at the county title, tonight's opponent Vincent and Calera, Oct. 21, are the only remaining county teams on the schedule. Wins over these challengers will assure Montevallo of at least a tie since the 'Dogs beat Shelby and Chelsea and tied Thompson.

Presently in 2A state play Montevallo is rated No. 1 in Alabama. This early ranking places the Bulldogs in a pressure situation, and they still have four area games to play.

State picture good

Winning a state championship is a goal very few MHSers hoped for before the season began. The outlook for their inexperienced squad was not at all good --and far from No. 1.

However, dedication and hard work, along with the will to win, has placed the 'Dogs in a position to take it all.



In volleyball

Girls look to THS tourney

MHS's volleyball squad goes to Thompson High for an invitational tournament tomorrow. "We've really been working hard for this big meet," team member Jan Gauntt exclaims.

Such work seems to have paid off for the team already this season.

Although they lost the first game to Indian Springs, the MHSers eventually won a match against IS last week.

In the first game, Ann Frye was MHS's high scorer as IS topped the 'Dogs 15-10. However, Nan Jones led Montevallo to a 15-4 romp in the second battle.

MHS again won with a freshman, Valerie Anderson, scoring most points in the final game.

Nan comments, "That was one of our better matches. We set up a lot."



At Vincent tonight--

Archers shoot for club spot

MHS's new archery club will meet for the first time next Tuesday during activity period.

Membership in the club is limited to 15 boys and 15 girls. If more are interested, skill tests will limit membership according to sponsor Dot Bishop.

Later in the season competition will be held among club members to select state representatives.

"Although there is not a state contest for boys, club members will compete against each other," Miss Bishop says.

Area competition awaits 'Dogs

Two key area games, both on the road, are next on the Bulldogs' schedule. Tonight the 'Dogs provide homecoming competition for Vincent and next Friday they travel to Winterboro. Both games are "musts" for the MHS squad if they are to stay in contention for the state playoffs.

MHS Coach Richard Gilliam says, "Vincent will be the team to beat. The Yellowjackets have a better ground attack than last year and a good passing attack. They'll be tough." They won their second area match last weekend defeating Winterboro 7-0.

At Winterboro it will be a case of Bulldogs against Bulldogs in a game that could well be the deciding factor if MHS gets by Vincent. "Winterboro has a new coach and the team is a lot better than last year. They have played better and tougher teams so far this year," Coach Gilliam notes.

Jemison falls, 20-6

Rutledge shines as 'Dogs win

Montevallo's ground attack, led by Willie Rutledge with 232 yards, was too much for the Panthers as the Bulldogs whipped Jemison 20-6 last Friday night.

After a scoreless first period, MHS put up enough points to win early in the second. Rutledge had a 68-yd. touchdown run and Barry Kornegay's PAT kick made the count 7-0. Late in the same quarter the Panthers got their only TD on a 32-yd. pass from Richard Gothard to Sam Hicks.

Rutledge went over from the one after amassing 60 yards in a third quarter drive. Again Kornegay converted.

A Panther fumble on their 31 set up the final score. After Rutledge got four yards, Terry McCarey went up the middle for the final 27.

Praising Jerome Tolbert and Chuck Reynolds for defensive work, Coach Richard Gilliam says, "Jemison was tougher than we expected and the game was closer than the score shows."

Calera wins 5

As the football season passes the halfway mark, only one county team has a perfect record; Calera has five wins. Though MHS has not lost a game, a tie with Thompson mars an otherwise perfect slate.

Here's the record:*

	W	L	T
Calera	5	0	0
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Shelby County ..	4	2	0
Pelham	3	2	0
Chelsea	1	4	0

*All games played

Students appreciate class instruction

Today ends the fourth week of coed physical education classes at MHS.

Coach Richard Gilliam has been teaching basic principles and rules of the game in a football appreciation unit.

"I've learned so much more about the game. Now I really know what's going on when I cheer," says cheerleader Jan Gauntt.

In an archery class Coach Dot Bishop is teaching rules of this game and "target practice."

Sophomore Kevin Lawley says, "Although I've shot a bow before, this is the first time I've ever aimed at a target."

Next Monday the two classes will switch, giving all phys ed students a chance to study both football and archery.

MHS students serve at Center

Future Business Leaders of America officers were named at the Shelby County Area Vocational Center last week.

Students from Montevallo who were appointed are: Donna Dailey--senior board of directors, and Tomysine Jackson--junior board of directors. Junior Teresa Alexander was elected treasurer.

FBLA members are selling Tom-Wat products as a money-making project for their club.

The person collecting the most money will receive a portable TV. Second and third place winners will also receive prizes for their efforts.

Student groups will instruct

Sociology students will start teaching their own class Monday. They will continue to serve as instructors until the end of the second six weeks.

Teacher Don Benton explains that this will provide a good opportunity for the students to learn to work together in groups.

Leaders of teaching groups are Mark Baker, Jeanette Crowson, Leslie Davis, Rene Davis, Pamela Henley, and Mary J. Wyatt.

Juniors to order rings

The junior class will report to the cafeteria next Wednesday at 8:10 to order class rings.

To help them make decisions, the juniors will receive information on all the styles and stones in homeroom Monday.

Test set for interested juniors

Juniors may take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test Oct. 18.

This test, which covers English and mathematics is a good indicator of how one will do on the Scholastic Aptitude Test taken in the senior year according to guidance counselor Frances Anthony.

Scholarships are also available for those who score well on the exam sponsored by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Mrs. Anthony comments, "I hope at least 25 of our students will take advantage of this opportunity."

Stolen goods returned

With the help of local citizens, law enforcement officials have solved the recent burglaries at MHS.

A juvenile has been charged with the burglary, and a high school dropout with trying to fence the stolen property.

The band's amplifier and turntable have been recovered and returned to band director Jim Weese.

Lawley leads seniors

Senior Darrell Lawley was elected president of his class last week.

Serving as vice president is Terry McCarey. Vickie Lilly is secretary, and Jeff Lucas, treasurer.

"I'm looking forward to a good year and hope to plan quite a few activities with the class," smiles Darrell.

Senior class sponsors are Mr. George Lilly, Mr. Doug Morris, and Mrs. Ann Parker.

Seniors like blue

Senior girls chose blue more often than any other color for portrait drapes last week. Twenty-two selected the dark blue drape which was also the favorite last year.

Maroon was the next most popular, with 16 girls choosing it. Seven preferred red; five, gold; and three, green.

Senior men wore suit coats and ties for their portraits.

Band adds 20 suits

Troubadours purchased 20 new uniforms which cost approximately \$70 each. The suits, ordered from Image Wear Company in New Jersey, are made of a cotton knit fiber.

"Additional sizes were needed since the size of the band has increased so much over last year," explains band director Jim Weese.

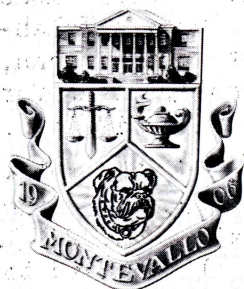
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With theme, Life's a Party

SC plans Homecoming, Nov. 4

LIFE'S A PARTY will be the theme for Homecoming '77, scheduled for Nov. 4. The winning theme was submitted by senior Cathy Belisle in a contest sponsored by the student council. Cathy will receive two free tickets to the homecoming dance after the game with Talladega County Training School.

The Southern Crossroads Band will perform at the dance. Admission prices are \$2 per person or \$3.50 per couple according to SC treasurer Greg Hardin.

Other council plans for homecoming call for presentation of the queen and court at a pre-game show; spirit week, Oct. 31-Nov. 4; and a bonfire and pep rally Thursday, Nov. 4.

Clock backs up

MHSers will gain an extra hour's sleep a week from Sunday as they roll back their clocks one hour at 2 a.m. The state returns to Central Standard Time Oct. 30.

Jamboree at Thompson

Bands prepare festival

Shelby County's third annual band Jamboree is set for tomorrow night at 7:00 at Thompson High's stadium. The money-raising project gives all bands in the area a chance to perform for each other.

Tickets can be purchased from any Troubadour for \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for students. Tickets purchased at the gate will be 50¢ more.

Bands that will be participating in the show include Calera, Chelsea, Montevallo, Pelham, Shelby Academy, Shelby County, Vincent, and Thompson.

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Baker heads junior class magazine sale

Junior Mark Baker led his class as top moneymaker with a total of \$202.70 in their annual magazine sale recently.

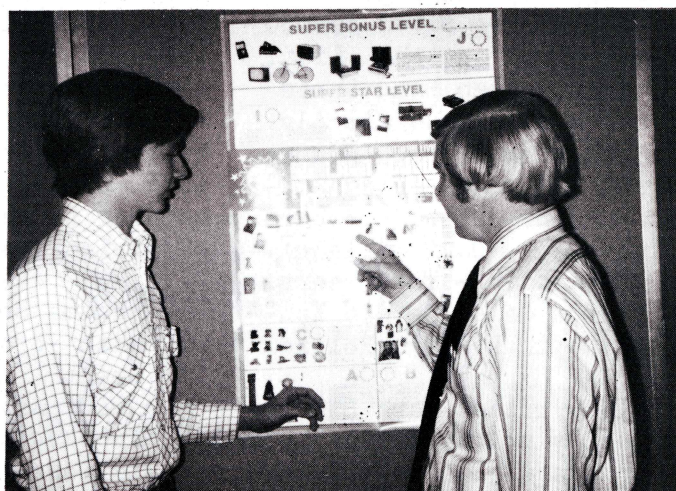
Shawn Spicer was second highest salesman with \$126.28, followed by Buddy Holsombeck with \$97.97.

Mark was also the first-day top seller and won a cassette recorder, while Shawn received a bota bag the second day as leading salesman.

Other top daily salesmen were David Lash who earned a hair dryer and Buddy Holsombeck who received a radio.

High salespeople following Buddy are Glenn Anthony, Rene Davis, Monique VanLandingham, Leslee Bel-luchie, Carol Knowles, Karen Morris, and Cliff Anderson.

Sunland School Plan also awarded Mark a Panasonic
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WHICH ONE?

Junior sponsor Danny Goggins (r) helps Mark Baker choose a prize for being top salesman in the magazine sale.

Bands prepare --- (Cont'd)

Saturday, Oct. 8, proved to be an unlucky day for the Troubadours as they were unable to attend the State Fair Marching Band Contest at the Fairgrounds in Birmingham due to the heavy rainfall.

Since this trip had to be cancelled, band director Jim Weese says the group will now plan to march in the Southeastern States Marching Band Festival Nov. 5 at Troy University. The band has attended this annual contest for the past five years, receiving three "superior" and two "excellent" ratings.

The Troubadours will also attend the Miracle Strip Marching Band Festival at Fort Walton Beach, Fla., Oct. 29. Last year they earned a "superior" rating at the Strip.

In addition to getting ready for performances, the band and its boosters also held a rummage sale on Oct. 8, where they made \$46 toward expenses.

Queen registration ends

Today is the last day for girls to sign up for homecoming queen and attendants. The list is in the supply store.

Queen will be selected by a majority of the student body in an election conducted by the student council.

Baker leads --- (Cont'd)

AM/FM portable radio; Shawn, an Imperial Super 1000 skateboard; Buddy, a Tolshiba calculator; and Glenn, a high intensity lamp for selling most subscriptions.

With 40% of the total sales being profit, the juniors totaled \$1,828.13. The funds will be used to finance the prom in the spring.

"I'm pleased that some of the students worked so hard during the campaign. Right now we still plan to have the prom off campus," class advisor Barbara Belisle says.

Last year's sales totalled \$1,896.29 enabling that class to hold the prom at Howard Johnson's in Vestavia.

Seniors are top scholars

Seniors showed most all-A records for the first six weeks when report cards were issued last Friday, with eight 12th graders earning top ranking.

Sophomores rated second with five on the list. Four freshmen and three juniors also made all A's.

The 20 with top grades are: 9th grade--Todd Austin, Wade Bice, Robert Lightfoot, David Melsoni. 10th grade -- Todd Beers, Deandrea Cole, Debbie Kunkle, Kevin Lawley, Belinda Morris.

11th grade--Mark Baker, Rene Davis, Emily Steele. 12th grade--Leslie Davis, Greg Hardin, Darrell Lawley, Becky Lesley, Cheryle Lilly, Tina McClain, Chuck Reynolds, Marsha Zahumensky.

It's News Downtown--

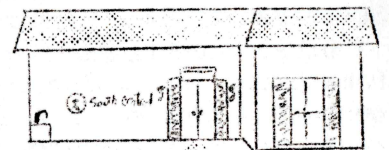
Bell employees strive to finish

The new South Central Bell building itself is complete. However, the facility will not open until June 25, 1978.

Workmen are in the process of installing the equipment which should take some time to finish according to Western Electric supervisor Dan Long.

Alabama Senator John J. Sparkman broadcasts two different new interviews over 40 Alabama stations each week.

Stations in this area which carry the programs are WVOK, 690, at 6:30 a.m. Sunday, and WAPI, 1070, at 7:15 a.m. Sunday.



Montevallo City Council has launched a program to eliminate traffic problems within the city. Several weeks ago a three-way stop was added on Valley Street for the protection of high school students.

Yellow curbs have also been painted in many places to end congestion due to parked cars.

The University of Montevallo's Speech and Drama Department will perform their first off-Broadway play, "Vainities," Oct. 20-24, 8:00 p.m. at Reynolds Studio Theatre.

The production is labeled as adult comedy.

Small ones need extra attention!



Students need monitor

Linebreaking in the lunchroom has not improved. Although SPOTLIGHT advised that a rail or barrier could be installed to help solve the situation, this has not been adopted as a project by any group.

Lunchroom manager Gwen Mitchell suggests that a teacher or a student monitor send those students who cut in front of others to the back.

Perhaps such a program could be designed if Principal W. C. Corbett assigned teachers to serve as supervisors or the student council appointed dependable students to "monitor" those who never wait their turn in line.

State honors Dr. Vickery

Dr. James Vickery, University of Montevallo's new president, was inaugurated on U of M's Founders Day, Oct. 12. Governor George C. Wallace also declared the day University of Montevallo Day statewide.

Dignitaries from across the state as well as many of Dr. Vickery's friends and close business associates attended the activities held at the University.

Dr. Vickery has revealed many plans and hopes for a community effort to achieve his goals for Montevallo. He mentioned cooperative programs between MHS and UM.

Certainly everyone at Montevallo High, Middle, and Elementary Schools appreciate Dr. Vickery's interest in the community and wish him the best of luck and will give him their full support.

Halloween demands caution

In ten days many small children will be out in the darkness trick-or-treating for Halloween. All MHSers should take special precautions while driving at night for the kids will be so excited they might forget to look both ways while they are crossing the street.

In fact, MHSers who have younger brothers and sisters might consider walking with them through the neighborhoods to insure their safety.

Often children cannot be as careful as adults, but with help, this Halloween can be a joyful and SAFE one.

Emergency stairs being misused

Using the fire escapes for getting to classes is not the purpose for the special stairs. Students should use the main stairs to get to and from class.

In addition, several students are abusing the escapes by throwing candy wrappers, potato chip bags, etc. on the steps. Fire escapes weren't meant to be a garbage dump or a meeting place.

These steps should always be free of debris and people at all times in case there is a fire or a fire drill in the school.

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Otts attends special trial

Senior Tim Otts got a chance to really serve on a jury last week. He was one of 12 seniors selected out of 24 from Shelby County to participate in a mock trial.

"I was surprised to find it really wasn't anything like court cases on TV--but I thought it was interesting," Tim says.

The trial was a re-enactment of a crime committed in Talladega County in 1971. A man accused of taking money under false pretenses had been found guilty. However, the jury on which Tim served found the man innocent.

The trial last week was held in Columbiana at the court house for Law Week. Third and fourth year law school students played the parts of court personnel and attorneys.

Singers organize

MHS's chorus elected officers last Tuesday as they held their first meeting of the year.

New officers are: president, Nan Jones; vice president, Jeanette Crowson; secretary, Merri Rochester; and treasurer, Tomysine Jackson.

Mrs. Frances Anthony, sponsor of the group, comments, "Most of our first meeting was spent getting organized. The little singing that we did sounded great."

MHS furnishes VICA officers

Three MHSers won offices when Vocational Industrial Clubs of America elected leaders at Shelby County Area Vocational Center last week.

Benny Stephens is the new president; Kenny Frederick, vice president; and Jennifer Logan, secretary.

Three other officers are from Calera High School.

As part of their duties, the new officers will represent the Center at the State VICA convention in Montgomery Oct. 28 and 29.

The actual victim from the 1971 trial was escorted to the court room by deputies to watch the trial. Afterward he was returned to Mt. Meggs Prison.

Teacher Don Benton also attended the session. He said he was amazed that the re-enactment ended so differently than the actual case.

Symphony plays

MHS's student body and faculty received a break from class Wednesday when they were entertained by the Birmingham Symphony.

The orchestra, directed by Amerigo Marino, gave a free concert in Palmer Hall at the University of Montevallo for students in grades 5-12.

SC provides new benches

Four new benches were purchased by the student council for the school campus. "I think this was a very fine gesture on the part of the student council. Hopefully, we can add some more," Principal W. C. Corbett comments.

Agri-business teacher Charles Kidd and his students assembled the benches and concreted them in the ground on the front campus of the main building.

Class officers select cards for ceremony

Balfour Company representative J. L. Brock met with senior class officers, advisor Ann Parker, and guidance counselor Frances Anthony last week to select the class's graduation invitations.



According to class president Darrell Lawley those chosen are a formal type with the school crest in the upper left corner and "Class of '78" printed in the lower right.

Old English lettering is used on the interior for the actual message.

The entire senior class met Wednesday for a briefing on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB). Petty Officer Tom Coffee, a representative of the Navy explained the test which will be administered next Wednesday.

At the meeting, the seniors also decided on gown and tassel colors. They also planned a hot dog party for next Thursday night.

Holiday brings activities

by Ann Tolbert



In less than two weeks children will choose costumes for one of the most exciting holidays of the year--Halloween.

They will decide whether they will become witches, fairies, ghosts, bionic men, or one of Charlie's Angels.

Was once for real

In ancient times people were really afraid of witches, cats, ghosts, and elves. They believed these spirits came out and would hurt them at this time of the year. But through the years, though, Halloween in the United States has begun to mean dressing in costumes, attending carnivals, playing harmless pranks, going "trick-or-treating," bobbing for apples, cutting jack-o-lanterns, decorating with ghosts and black cats, and telling ghost stories.

A night for fun

Although many MHSers admit Halloween isn't nearly as much fun as it was when they were younger, some look forward to it as a "night of fun."

Freshman Modis Tolbert expresses the feelings of some when he says, "I'm going to go to a carnival and have myself a ball."

Some juniors say they plan to stay home and help distribute candy to "trick-or-treaters," but senior Becky Lesley intends "to sleep the night away."

However, Deandrea Cole, a sophomore, plans to carry out the holiday tradition by "trick-or-treating with the kids."

Student drivers train

Six students attended bus school this week at Shelby County High School after being approved for training by superintendent of transportation William Carter.

The MHSers attending are seniors Scott Smitherman and Charlie Thomas, juniors Lloyd Brasher, Lee Clayton, and David Lash, and sophomore Jimmy Cox.

'Spotlight' sells homecoming mums

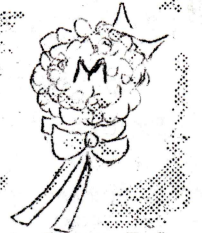
BULLDOG

FANS can show their support by wearing mums at the homecoming game, when Montevallo plays Talladega Training School.

The flowers are available from any journalism student for the third consecutive year.

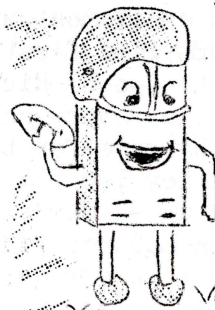
Price of the flowers is \$3.25 and must be paid at the time the order is made. Delivery date is homecoming day, Nov. 4.

The mums will have blue and orange ribbons with a large "M" in the center.

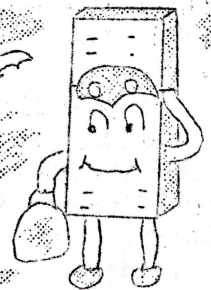


*** LOCKER LAUGHS ***

When does an ad make a plea?



Football season's
Nearly over
And Halloween is
Almost here.
Funny lines are
Everlasting,
Bringing smiles
And notes of cheer!



"Can we run ads in SPOTLIGHT?" Gail Hill asked.

"What kind of ad?" inquired journalism teacher Cathy Bearden.

"Wanted: One date for the homecoming dance," was Gail's answer.

In 5th period biology, teacher Joanna McGaughy was asked to name what coal is used to make.

Mrs. McGaughy replied, "Nylon, bylon, and orylon."

Sophomore Tod Beers quipped, "Roll-on."

On seeing Rene Davis's 80-wpm-typing paper on the bulletin board, Ronnie Hol-sombeck asked, "Did she do all that in 3 minutes?"

When teacher Susie De-Ment answered, "Yes," Ronnie came back with, "I couldn't type that much in 3 days."

In 2nd period democracy class, teacher George Lilly inquired, "What check does the president have over Congress?"

Senior Sheri Barrow answered, "Pay check!"

Bulldog grows--

County title lies on the line

by Chuck Reynolds

Except for a tie with Shelby in 1969 the 'Dogs have fallen short of the county title since 1961.



Tonight's game promises to be an exciting one between two quick veer teams with beautiful execution.

"With super effort and no mistakes," the Bulldogs should come out on top according to MHS Coach Richard Gilliam.

He confesses, however, to Calera's strength and admits "they're probably the best all around team we'll face in the regular season."

Montevallo's 21-0 win over Winterboro last Friday clinched at least a tie for the Mid-State Conference crown for the Bulldogs.

West Blocton remains as MHS's toughest Area 7 opponent. A victory over the Tigers assures the 'Dogs of a third straight trip to the state playoff.

Girls' athletics to grow

Coach Dot Bishop is trying to expand girls sports with a basketball and a track team. Basketball, which never really got organized last year, will start right after volleyball season ends according to Miss Bishop.

She adds that she plans to find somebody more knowledgeable about basketball than she to coach this sport.

Coach Bishop also says she has hopes of the track girls competing in state as they did last spring.

Bulldogs face critical times

by Jeff Lucas

FOOTBALL SEASON is down to the nitty-gritty for the Bulldogs who hold a 6-0-1 record thus far. Tonight the undefeated state-bound Calera Eagles fly into Fisher Stadium with a county crown as the prize, and next week the Bulldogs travel to West Blocton where the Area 7 title will be on the line.

Coach Richard Gilliam says, "Calera will probably be the toughest team we'll play all season on the regular schedule. The Eagles are physical and highly motivated and have pointed for this game all year." The game matches student against teacher as Calera's Rick Cairns, played and trained under Coach Gilliam.

Looking toward West Blocton, Coach Gilliam says, "They are considered a favorite for the Area 7 championship with their passing attack. It will have to be our best effort this year; this game will determine who goes to state."

Winterboro Falls 21-0--

MHS clears another hurdle

Montevallo's 'Dogs proved superior to the 'Dogs of Winterboro, 21-0, Oct. 14 in an important Area 7 battle. The game lacked excitement with MHS's defense holding Winterboro to only five first downs and 21 yards rushing.

According to Coach Richard Gilliam Montevallo "may have been a little over-confident but really turned it around during the game for the victory."

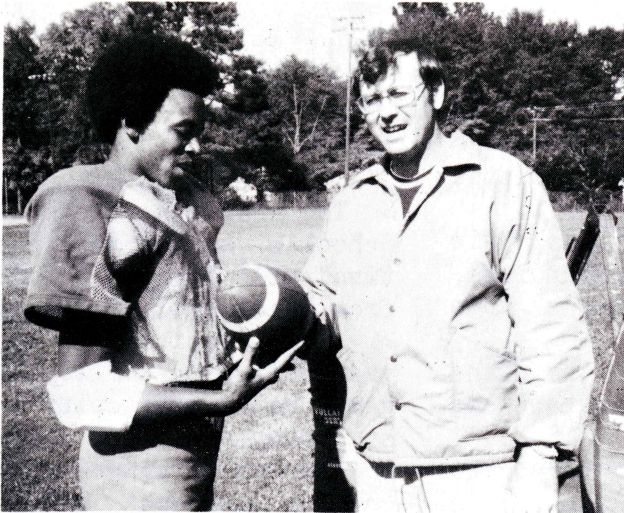
Darrell Lawley led all rushers with 95 yards. Chuck Reynolds picked up 93 yards and Terry McCarey, 80.

Quarterback McCarey figured in all the scoring. He carried the first TD across on a 26-yd. scamper on the Bulldogs' first possession. He passed 13 yards to Reynolds early in the fourth period for the second and hit Kevin Hughes on a 1-yd. toss for six points in the final seconds of the game.

Barry Kornegay added all three PAT's.

A defensive standout in the battle was Tim Otts. He had six sacks, a new record for anyone playing under Coach Gilliam.

Coach Gilliam also cited Hughes, Sam Purnell, Kelvin Lilly, and Jerome Tolbert as defensive stalwarts as well as the defensive secondary for holding the losers to one completed pass.



GENERAL AND TOP SERGEANT PLAN
Quarterback Terry McCarey, now playing his fourth year of varsity football at MHS under Coach Richard Gilliam, listens as the head man outlines the strategy in a final practice before the Vincent game. Montevallo won 17-6.

In support of athletics--

Bulldog Boosters recruit

by Darrell Lawley

Montevallo's interested sports-minded fans organized the Athletic Boosters Club five years ago. The group is now embarked on a membership drive to enlist more support for athletics at MHS. The campaign will continue throughout the month of October.

These Boosters have been helpful to MHS's athletic program in various ways. At Fisher Stadium they have built a concession stand, fenced in the end zones, repaired the fence, and kept the scoreboard in working order.

The group also prepares a pre-game meal for players each Friday before the football game, films games, works the concessions, and sponsors post-season banquets for the teams.

Meetings are held at MHS at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month. Anyone interested in joining can call Mrs. Mary Ross, president, at 665-1980 for information.

Gym gets new clock

A new "Fair Play" scoreboard brightens the gym.

The new clock, donated and installed by Coca Cola Bottling Co., will be used as varsity game clock; the old one remains intact to be used for practice sessions, classes, etc.

"We're thrilled to get it since the old one was so easily unplugged, stopping the clock momentarily in the middle of games," says Coach Richard Gilliam.

McCarey leads 'Dogs as Vincent falls 17-6

Quarterback Terry McCarey picked up 107 yards in 12 carries, scored one touchdown and passed for another as he sparked a 17-6 Bulldog victory over the Vincent Yellowjackets Oct. 7. The win kept the 'Dogs undefeated and brought them one step closer to claiming conference and county honors and moving into the state playoffs.

McCarey started the scoring with a 2-yd. plunge after the Bulldogs drove the opening kick 65 yards. Barry Kornegay kicked the extra point.

Vincent passes

Vincent retaliated early in the second quarter with a 25-yd. pass from Jerry Wood to Earl Datcher for six points, but the PAT attempt failed.

After a defensive 3rd quarter battle, Montevallo got on the board again on a faked field goal as McCarey hit Kevin Hughes with a 20-yd. strike. Kornegay's kick was true for a second PAT.

Field goal for MHS

On the next Bulldog possession, Kornegay kicked a 29-yd. field goal, putting the game away.

Kornegay also averaged 47.5 yds. punting.

Coach Richard Gilliam, declaring the victory "a real team effort," specifically cited Tim Otts and Jerome Tolbert on defense.

Offensively, Kornegay, Jeff Lucas, Chuck Reynolds, and Hughes earned praise for their blocking.

"Darrell Lawley did a good job filling in for running back Willie Rutledge who was injured," Coach said.

Statistics

	<u>VHS</u>	<u>MHS</u>
1st downs	8	16
Yds. rush	90	219
Yds. pass	52	48
Passes	4-11-0	2-5-0
Punts	4-30	2-47.5
Fumbles	4-2	3-2
Penalties	6-60	4-38

Freshmen enjoy high school

by Vonna Carson

The majority of MHS freshmen seem to "go" for high school. In their English classes last week they pointed out numerous advantages over being in middle school.

Included in their list were more activities, air conditioning, nicer facilities, cleaner surroundings, and, tops on the list, a chance to select one's own courses.

Pep rallies, sock hops, and marching in the band were named most frequently as the most exciting part of being in high school.

The only disadvantages cited were no time to go to the restroom, missing getting seconds at lunch, and disliking many items of food served in the cafeteria.

"MHS is quite a switch from Montevallo Middle. There is a change in the atmosphere. In fact, the whole environment is different. I think it's going to take a little more time for me to get fully adjusted," freshman Melinda Cutts explains.

Health careers club selects officers

Senior Cheryl Lilly was elected president of the Health Careers Club last Tuesday when the group had its first meeting.

Fellow classmates serving in other offices are Lorie Pickett, vice president; Sybille Cathey, secretary; and Jackie Harrell, treasurer.

"I believe this is going to be a great year. We have people in the club who are willing to work hard," Cheryl smiles.

The club plans to take several trips this year. Among these will be a tour of the Health Fair in Birmingham according to club advisor Jim Hermecz.

Club chooses Christmas play

"Christmas comes to Detroit Louie," by Bobbie G. Woods, will be this year's Christmas play presented by members of the dramatics club.

Sponsor Barbara Belisle says, "Auditions will be held when we receive the play booklets." There are 14 actors in the one-act play.

Tuesday the group held elections. Officers chosen are: president, Ann Tolbert, vice president, Mark Baker, and secretary-treasurer, Cathy Belisle.



Greg Hardin is president---

Math club gets underway

Tuesday the mathematics club elected officers and made plans for the year.

According to president Greg Hardin, the group is now deciding on the area of study for the year. "At this point we are considering concentrating on computers or pollution control monitoring devices," he says.

Tentative plans include participating in tournaments at Samford University and Jefferson State and in the Shelby County Tournament.

Officers serving with Greg are: Glenn Anthony, vice president; and Marsha Zahumensky, secretary-treasurer.

Fall festival set at MMS

The Montevallo Middle School's annual Fall Festival will be held Oct. 28 from 12:45 until 2:30 p.m.

Among activities this year will be a volleyball game between faculty and students, a country store, a cake walk, bingo, apple bobbing, a sock hop, a plant sale, an arts and crafts house, a horror house, and a trampoline.

Refreshments will also be available.

English teacher Randy Whealton is chairman of the event.

A Mr. and Miss MMS will be crowned. According to Principal James Jones "the boy and girl chosen will be dismissed from classes all day and will receive a prize from the school."

Seniors pick photos

Seniors will meet today to order their portraits.

They received proofs for the pictures on Monday. Copies of the pictures will appear in the '78 edition of MONTALA.

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NAN JONES REIGNS AS QUEEN

MHS celebrates homecoming

TONIGHT IN A SPECIAL pre-game ceremony senior Nan Jones will be crowned MHS homecoming queen of 1977. Her attendants are senior Marla Jones, junior Carol Knowles, sophomore Luann Moody, and freshman Sondi Gilbert. All were elected by the student body last week.

Activities build spirit

Homecoming festivities began Wednesday, which was designated as 50's Day by the student council, sponsors of the event. Yesterday was Hair Day, and today is Color Day. Last night the cheerleaders sponsored the traditional bonfire and pep rally, and this group has another pep rally on the schedule for this afternoon.

Tonight's football game matches the Bulldogs with Talladega County Training School. Kickoff is at 7:30.

"Life Is a Party"

After the game students and alumni will go to the



FOUR MAIDS IN A ROW

Members of the queen's court find it hard to strike a regal pose after announcement of their victory. They are (l-r) Sondi Gilbert, Luann Moody, Carol Knowles, and Marla Jones.

auditorium, which features decorations portraying the theme, "Life Is a Party," to dance to the music of The Southern Crossroads Band until 12:00.

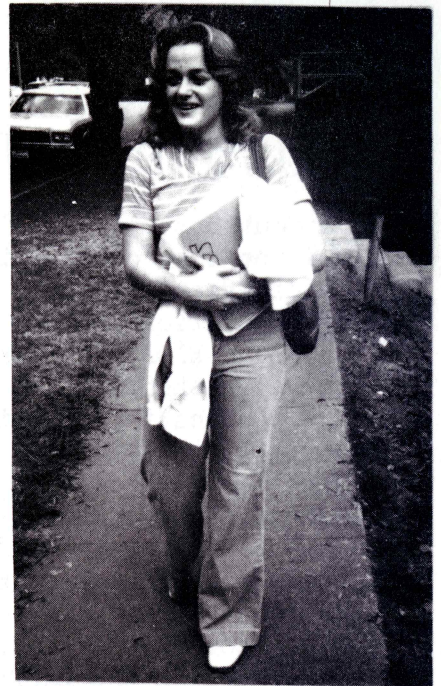
At the same time, alumni will be entertained at a coffee hour.

GOOD CITIZEN QUEEN
Nan Jones smiles as she leaves school at the end of the day Friday after being named DAR good citizen and homecoming queen in the same week.

Queen earns 'citizen' honor

Homecoming queen Nan Jones is also MHS's DAR good citizen. Runner-up for the title is senior football player Barry Kornegay.

Nan, Barry, and several other seniors were nominated for dependability, service, and patriotism by their classmates. The teachers then ranked them for the honor, sponsored by the Montevallo chapter of the Daughters of the (Cont'd p. 2)



Schools honor nation's vets

All Shelby County Schools will have a holiday next Friday, Nov. 11, in honor of Veterans Day. This day is observed in reverence of those men and women who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States.

After victory in Florida--

Troubadours to compete again

The Southeastern Marching Festival at Troy University will be the destination of the Troubadours tomorrow. Last year the group earned an "excellent" mark in the competition there.

"The band always enjoys competing in this contest, plus it gives them a fine chance to see bands from all over the Southeast performing," band director Jim Weese explains.

Good show in Florida

The band proved that they can perform just as well out of state as in state. At the Miracle Strip Marching Band contest at Fort Walton Beach, Fla., last Saturday, the group earned a "superior" rating.

Drum major Shawn Spicer, the flag corps, and majorettes also put on top performances. Shawn and the flag corps received "superior" ratings along with the band, while the majorettes were graded "excellent."

Flags are tops

The "superior" color bearers are led by captain Sylvia Jones.

Members of the corps are freshmen Claudia Sailes and Sherry Young, sophomores Anne Grayson and Pearl Rutledge, juniors Marla Abbott, Rene Davis, Janet Hicks, and Emily Steele, and seniors Phoebe Cathey, Tina McClain, Lorie Pickett, and Mary Sherrer.

The majorette line consists of Leslee Belluchie (co-head), Vanessa Cottingham, Karen Morris, Lynn Sawyer, and Anitka Stewart (head).

'Citizen'— (Cont'd)

Daughters of the American Revolution.

Only senior girls were eligible for the award until 1975 when the contest was opened to boys. Barry is the first male MHSer to rank second in the selection.

Last year's winner was Amy Knowles, who was also homecoming queen.

Class of '67 plans HC affair

Homecoming means different things to many people, but to the Class of '67 it means reuniting after ten years.

Former Montevallo Middle School teacher Linda Byrd Lawley and other classmates who include Mrs. Phyllis Logan Crump, Mr. Jerry McCaughy, Mrs. Brenda Green Muehlbauer, Mr. Billy Muehlbauer, and Mr. Hugh Stone are a few of the alumni who planned this event.

The reunion will be at Green Park South Club House in Pelham after the homecoming game.

Former MMS teacher Larry Popwell and Mr. David Nichols, who taught at MHS for four years, are '67ers who will share in the get-together tonight.

Pictures scheduled

Mr. Carl Smith of Waldrup Studios will take pictures at the homecoming dance: \$5 for two 5x7's and four wallet size photos.

It's news downtown--

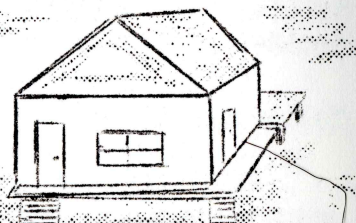
Public library open week days

The Montevallo City Library located in the depot in Orr Park is open to the public during the week.

Hours are 10:00 a.m. to noon and 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and from noon to 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday. It is also open on Saturday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Bill's Convenience Store on Main Street is remodeling to add a delicatessen.

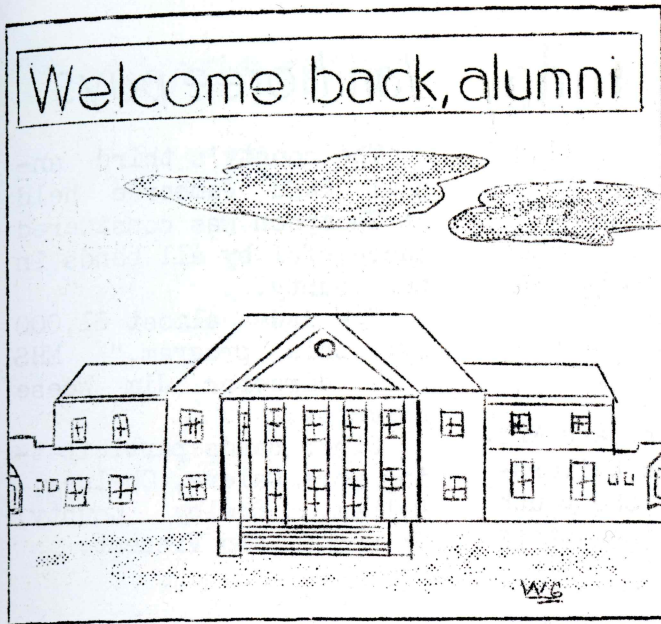
A new convenience store is under construction next to the Montevallo Animal Clinic on Hwy. 25.



Mrs. Emily Pendleton, advisor to Montevallo Middle School's MIDDLE STAR, asks everyone to save newspapers. She says they will hold a paper drive the first week in December.

The paper canister's location will be announced at a later date she says.

Crystal Service Station, located at Moore's Cross Roads, is expanding. A new section is being added to the building to serve as a small grocery. Construction will be completed next week according to manager William Doolen.



The red carpet is out

Montevallo High School extends a warm welcome to all alumni returning for homecoming festivities.

Many will probably see friends and acquaintances not seen for a long time. Hopefully, everyone at the football game will also come to the alumni coffee hour and see how much or how little MHS has changed since their schooldays.

Homecoming '77 should be an exciting time for everyone-- students, teachers, and former graduates who return to visit their Alma Mater.

MHS says, WELCOME!

City businesses plan ahead

The town of Montevallo has seen much growth and change in the past year. Several food franchises, as well as new stores, have opened. This growth is reflected in statistics on a national level. For two months this year Shelby County has been listed as being the number one county in the nation as far as population growth is concerned.

Local businessmen, as well as the Montevallo City Council, are commended for their foresightedness in planning for the future of Montevallo.

Holiday to honor veterans

As Veterans Day approaches, students should keep in mind that the day is set aside for remembering the men and women who died in American war tragedies and those who served their country so valiantly.

Although MHSers think of Nov. 11 as a holiday providing plenty of free time for hobbies, surely everyone can find a few minutes during the day to remember the debt we owe to those who fought for us.

Fans help Bulldogs win

MHS is "State Bound" a third straight year in football. Fans and supporters have been a tremendous asset to the Bulldogs as they battled their way to the top.

Even though the 'Dogs travel to Hokes Bluff, approximately 100 miles away, everyone should make a special effort to attend and display the Bulldog spirit which has meant so much to the team.

Perhaps the cheerleaders could organize a caravan so fans who are not certain of the route will be able to find their way up there with no problems.

'Spotlight' errs

In the last issue of SPOTLIGHT the name of Dr. James Vickrey was spelled incorrectly.

The staff regrets the error and apologizes to the University of Montevallo's new president.

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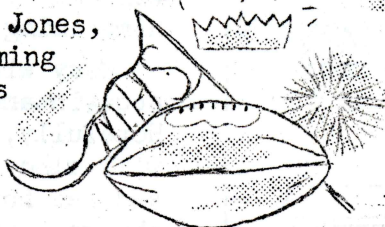


1st Place

Queen Nan Jones reigns today Jamboree pays

by Kathy Glosson

Today belongs to senior Nan Jones, who will be crowned MHS homecoming queen of 1977 tonight. She was elected by popular vote of the student body last week. Nan is also the DAR good citizen for this year.



The county's third annual Band Jamboree held at Thompson was considered successful by all bands in the county.

"We made almost \$1,000 off this program," MHS band director Jim Weese comments.

Other bands participating were Calera, Chelsea, Pelham, Shelby County, Thompson, and Vincent.

The hazel-eyed blonde is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Jones of Montevallo. She attends the University Baptist Church, where she is president of the youth council and also president of the Shelby Baptist Acteen Association.

Athletic talents

Nan is involved in numerous activities at MHS. She has been a cheerleader for five years, and this year is head of the squad.

A four-year member of the volleyball team, she is also the captain of this group. She is president of the chorus and a member of the lively arts club.

Vegetable eater

The active senior names volleyball and softball, swimming, driving, and going shopping as hobbies.

Her favorite foods are "fresh garden vegetables" and boiled shrimp.

After high school, Nan plans to continue her education at the University of Montevallo, where she will major in phys ed.

For the Class of '67--

Talk of 'old times' awaits

Old and new faces will again be present at tonight's homecoming activities as MHS graduates of the Class of 1967 have their first class reunion.

This group will remember that Mr. Guy Milford was principal that year and Mr. W. C. Corbett, present MHS principal, was named assistant principal while they were seniors. It was also Coach Theron Fisher's last year to coach. Later in the year he was named athletic director.

Jimmy Lawley, president

The class elected Jimmy Lawley as its president; Larry Popwell, vice president; Peggy Sue Hurt, secretary; and treasurers, Linda Byrd and Mark Taylor.

Other '67ers who held top positions that year were: Linda Byrd, head cheerleader and Tri-Hi-Y Award winner; Richard Tingle, SPOTLIGHT editor; and Margie Scott, president of student council.

6 football players

Seniors on the football team were Danny Bearden, Billy Joe Hall, Doug Jones, Jimmy Lawley, Carey Pickett, Larry Popwell, and Mark Taylor.

The Bulldogs lost the homecoming game as the Tigers from B. B. Comer took a 20-0 victory.

Among seniors picked in Who's Who that year were Joan Anthony and Art Bolton. They were named Most Likely to Succeed.

Classes learn, recite poems

Each six weeks this year Mrs. Barbara Belisle's 11th grade English classes are required to recite a contemporary poem. Yesterday the students said "Turn, Turn, Turn" by Pete Seeger before the class.

Mrs. Belisle said she selected this particular piece because she felt the juniors have reached a point in their lives where "they need to realize that there is a place and a time for everything."

The recitations are graded as a test with scores ranging from 0-100. Earlier a grade was recorded for the juniors' performance of "The Road not Taken" by Robert Frost.

--- LOCKER LAUGHS ---

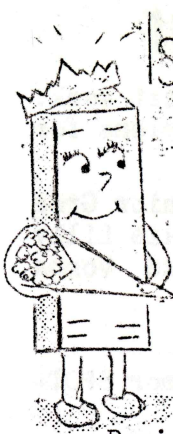
Freshmen girls take male job

In the past MHS has had only male students raise the flag each day, but women's liberation has taken a step forward this year as freshmen Angie Velarde and Debra Caine hoist the stars and stripes before school each day.

The girls contacted SC sponsor Don Benton and volunteered for the job. He agreed they could take over the position.

"We enjoy raising the flag and appreciate being given the privilege," Angie says proudly.

"They're doing a fantastic job. In recent years, the flag was sometimes forgotten and left outside overnight; but these young ladies never neglect their duty," Principal W.C. Corbett praises.



During 2nd period democracy as the class was working on a study sheet, senior Tamee Davis asked senior Sheri Barrow, "What are you, a Democrat or a Republican?"

Sheri answered innocently, "Oh, I'm not either, I am a Protestant."

In speech class, Charlotte Stephens said, "I have a headache."

Classmate Linda Clark giggled, "Stick it through the window and the pane will be gone."

Is it politics or religion

Spirit week has
Been lots of fun
But everyone is
On the run.

Homecoming night
Is finally here
Bringing memories
A laugh and a tear.



During a discussion of money in 4th period sociology, senior Mary Wyatt commented, "I don't see why we have money in the world. I think it's sense (cents) less."

In 5th period U.S. history class teacher Daniel Goggins asked the class to name the different types of political parties. Junior Stark Harbour quipped, "Birthday parties."

In 4th period freshman English class, instructor Delilah Robinson asked David Melsoni, "Who do you think will win, Montevallo or Calera?"

David quickly replied, "Oh, I don't know. Whoever has the most points."

For students, faculty at MHS--

Veterans' cause is real one

Many MHS families, along with thousands of others all across America, will acknowledge Veterans Day Nov. 11. Forty-four students' fathers were enlisted in the Army, 15 in the Navy, 13 in the Air Force, 2 in the Marines, and 1 in the National Guard.

Teachers serve

Six MHS teachers are also veterans. They are Mr. Don Benton, Marines; Mr. Joe Brady, Mr. W.C. Corbett, Mr. Charles Kidd, and Mr. George Lilly, Army; Mr. Charles Martin, Navy; and Mr. Tim Wiggins, National Guard.

Approximately 30 of these men actually fought in World War II, seven fought in the Korean War, and one in Vietnam. Fathers of teachers Frances Anthony, Charles Martin, Joanna McGaughy, and Tim Wiggins were in World War I.

Purple Heart

Mr. John Spicer, father of junior Shawn Spicer, received a Purple Heart for his services in the Navy, and Mr. Albert Jones, Jr., father of Marla Jones, received a Victory Medal and the title of expert gunman.

HC ribbons add spirit

Special spirit ribbons will be sold today during homeroom for 30¢ to help add to the color of homecoming festivities.

The ribbons are orange and white with an outline of the football field. Toppers will also be sold for 25¢.

Profits from the sale, sponsored by Bulldogs Jeff Lucas, Darrell Lawley, and Terry McCarey, will go to the athletic department.

Groups plan for new year

THREE CLUBS HELD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS last week. These groups elected leaders and discussed plans for the year.

Students in the journalism club chose senior Greg Hardin as their president. They also named Vickie Lilly vice president; Iris Smitherman, secretary; and Vonna Carson, treasurer.

30 years of news

The club is planning a celebration to honor SPOTLIGHT's 30th year of production. "I think it's the very thing to salute the SPOTLIGHT's 30 years. I am looking forward to the occasion," says Vonna.

Definite plans should be made soon according to adviser Cathy Bearden.

Spicer leads

Junior Shawn Spicer was elected president of the Spanish club. Emily Steele was chosen vice president; and Gay Perkins, secretary-treasurer.



Sponsor Delilah Robinson says, "We're looking forward to a good year."

3 groups formed

Lively arts club elected leaders for three groups at their first meeting.

Leaders for the groups are Phoebe Cathey, Benji Dailey, and Scott Smitherman. Cheryl Lilly was elected treasurer.

"I'm really going to enjoy working with the group in macrame. Everyone seems interested," says Phoebe Cathey.

Each group is responsible for making a wall hanging for the school according to sponsor Ann Parker.



Class draws plans, designs capitol city

Students in Mr. Danny Goggins' American history classes engaged in a new activity last Wednesday.

Each was asked to draw up plans and sketch a design for the nation's Capitol city.

Using their imagination and ability, they went from general ideas such as the location of the city to the specifics, such as placement of each building.

Mr. Goggins explains, "I wanted the students to get some idea of what our founding fathers were up against as they tried to plan our present day Capitol city."

The sketches were part of a study on the building of Washington, D. C.

Seniors order special shirts

For the first time ever MHS seniors can dress alike in senior Tee shirts.

The shirts come in yellow, green, orange, blue, red, and black. They will have Class of '78 on the front and, for an optional fee, the senior's name will be printed on the back.

They were ordered Monday and should be back in two weeks. Senior class treasurer Jeff Lucas says, "The shirts are to show everybody when we go some place we are a group."



12th graders complete tests

Last Wednesday seniors took the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB). According to the U.S. Department of Defense the test covers 12 general areas such as mathematics, space perception, general science, mechanical comprehension, etc.

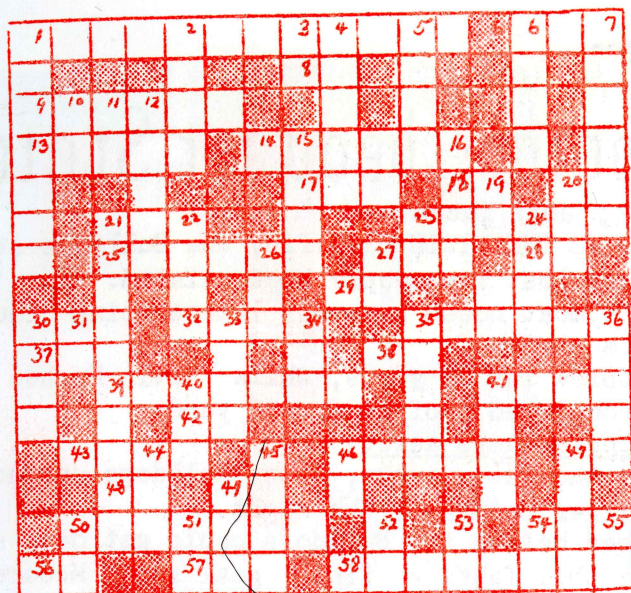
It also tells the student where his aptitudes lie and how much he actually knows in relationship to other high school seniors.

Guidance counselor Frances Anthony says, "I think the test was an excellent opportunity for students, and I want to thank the Armed Services for offering the test."

'Hop' increases funds

Members of the junior class, headed by president Glenn Anthony, held a sock hop after the Calera game. The proceeds, \$213, will go towards the junior-senior prom.

"It was a big success, and the kids had a lot of fun," class sponsor Barbara Belisle comments.

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Students 'jig' to the music

Through the years homecoming dances in the auditorium have featured numerous steps ranging from the Charleston to the shuffle to the fox trot to the waltz to the hustle. To produce the current hits, the beat of many bands has rocked MHS.

Most have had "catchy" names for musicians have discovered when students hear an unusual name that sounds exciting, the second step is to hear or see the group.

In the early fifties and sixties, Bessemer High Swing Band, The Brass Buttons, the Kiwanians, and Elijah were popular for homecoming.

Wild Chastains, Aggregation, Frost, Natural Explosion, and Bill and the Circus were homecoming performers this decade.

So, tonight's Southern Crossroads Band should make its place in MHS memories also as students "worm" and "slide."

40. Central Intelligence Agency: abbr.
41. Spectators
44. Opposite of women
45. Wheel
46. Quarterback: abbr.
47. _____ line
49. Make a knot in
50. Bachelor of Science: abbr.
51. Fullback: abbr.
52. Present of went
53. Neuter pronoun
54. Bachelor of Arts
55. Deciliter: abbr.

Homecoming puzzler

by Emily Steele

Across

1. Directors of cheers
6. School name
8. Master of Arts: abbr.
9. Former MHS grads
13. Loose outer garment
14. Accompanies the queen
17. American Expeditionary Forces: abbr.
18. Sound of a laugh
20. Do, re, ____
21. Lawless crowd
23. Football headgear
25. Blue and _____
27. A girl's name
28. Advertisement
29. Everyone
30. Point after touchdown
32. Short for Bulldogs
35. Name of stadium
37. A playing card
38. Preposition
39. A win
41. Part of a fish
42. Form of to be
43. _____ Mater
46. She reigns today
47. Girl Scout: abbr.
48. Los Angeles: abbr.
49. Fa, so, la, ____
50. Burning of Tiger before the homecoming game
54. Not good

56. An adverb
57. A flying insect
58. Game played on homecoming

Down

1. Instructors
2. Skating _____
3. A form of to be
4. Held after game
5. Sound of a lion
6. Homecoming flowers
7. Pep rallies bolster _____
10. Lines: abbr.
11. University of Oklahoma: abbr.
12. English estate
15. Where money is kept
16. Plural pronoun
19. A boy's name
20. Medicine: abbr.
21. Town's name
22. Group of musicians
23. Middle of game
24. To mix; crush
26. To choke
27. Plural: abbr.
30. Toss
31. Alternating current: abbr.
33. Tim _____
34. Respectful address for men
36. Queen's flowers

'Dogs take over the air to win title--

Bulldogs blast Blocton; head for State

by Jeff Lucas

TO EARN THEIR THIRD STRAIGHT BID TO THE STATE playoffs, the Bulldogs stunned West Blocton's Tigers with an aerial attack that few people knew existed. The 'Dogs also put the quietus on one of the area's most noted passers, intercepting four of Blocton's star quarterback Jeff Hubbard's strikes.

MHS quarterback Terry McCarey threw for 43 yards, while Kevin Hughes tossed a 13-yarder for six points. Hubbard completed 5 of 11 for 38 yards.

Blocton gets safety

After a mishandled pitch late in the 1st quarter, the Bulldogs ended up giving West Blocton a safety for the only Tiger points of the night.

The ball changed hands three times before the Bulldogs could get deep enough in Blocton's territory to strike. Here they faked a field goal and McCarey, finding Tim Otts 5 yards deep in the end zone, drilled in the first touchdown. A second and

third TD came on passes as well. McCarey passed to Hughes for one, and Hughes threw to Kenneth Jones for the other. Kornegay kicked a field goal and all three PAT's to get the 24-2 win.

Real champions

Coach Richard Gilliam says, "After a slow start the team showed the mark of championship with the quick drive just before halftime.

"The whole defensive unit did well, also; especially the secondary in preventing the bomb," he adds.

With Jeff, Terry and Chuck--

MHS claims 3 musketeers

Three of the 11 seniors serving as captains for tonight's game go back a long way together. Not only have Jeff Lucas, Terry McCarey, and Chuck Reynolds played four years of football at MHS, but they began their careers together in the 6th grade. At that time they were members of the Jets welterweight team coached by Mr. Jimmy O'Neal, who led them to three county titles.

All three players maintain that being teammates so long has given them a special relationship.

"Confidence in them"

"I'm very confident that they (Jeff and Chuck) can do their jobs. Both are never-to-be-forgotten friends who have helped give me confidence in myself," Terry says. The Bulldog quarterback adds, "When I wanted to quit football, Jeff talked me into playing. We help each other a lot."

Best friends

"I have grown under Chuck's and Terry's influence; we've had lots of good experiences together. They're two of my best friends," Jeff confides.

"I have confidence in both Jeff and Terry. Our experiences have brought us closer together, and I feel that playing football together has really brought out the best in each of us," Chuck sums up.

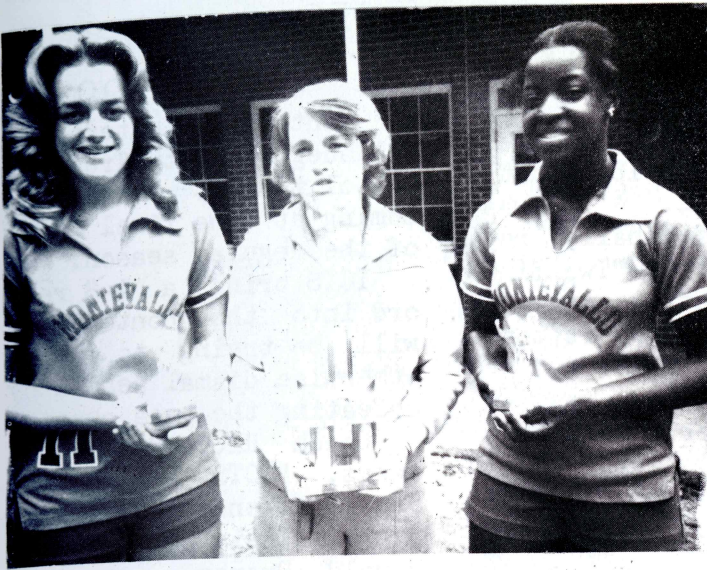
40 men try for team positions as basketballs begin to bounce

Basketball practice began Monday for athletes not playing football. Approximately 40 men reported to an organizational meeting Oct. 18 according to Coach Kurt Pnazek. The group will practice four days a week from 5 to 7 p.m. until football season is over.

"We'll work on fundamentals and conditioning at first," Coach explains. "I want to acquaint the players with skills they'll need to know this year."

These early sessions will also be helpful in determining varsity players and seeing prospects for the B team according to Coach, who conveys hopes of adding a 9th grade team to the program this year.

Coach Pnazek adds that he would like to have an intrasquad game with a dunk contest at halftime, before the season begins. "If we could have tnis and charge a slight admission fee, it would help pay for the new uniforms," Coach says.



WINNERS ALL!

Nan Jones (l) and Suzanette Campbell (r), All-County both, smile happily with Coach Dot Bishop as they display awards won at the county volleyball tournament last week where the Bulldogs took their third championship.



11 captains? Where's the crew?

Eleven Bulldogs will be playing their last homecoming game for MHS tonight. This group will serve as captains for the game with Talladega County Training School. Spokesmen for the 11 will be "pushed out front" by the group when they go to midfield for the toss.

The captains are (front, l-r) Jeff Lucas, Tim Otts, Willie Rutledge, Terry McCarey, Chuck Reynolds. (back) Mike Beers, Darrell Lawley, Scott Smitherman, Barry Kornegay, Barry Harper, and Rudolph Reed.
(Pre-game story, p. 10)

Volleyball team wins county title

THE VOLLEYBALL TEAM has done it again. They captured the county trophy for the third consecutive year in the tournament at Pelham two weeks ago.

In addition, they placed two members on the Shelby County All-Star team selected by the coaches. Seniors Nan Jones and Suzanette Campbell joined two players from Thompson, one from Chelsea, and one from Indian Springs on the honorary squad.

Thompson falls

To take the crown, the Bulldogs defeated Thompson 15-7 and 15-11. Thompson had won the loser's bracket in the double elimination tournament by downing Chelsea.

Earlier, in the 'Dogs' third match they had sent THS to the losers' category after a three-game battle of 15-8, 13-15, and 15-6.

In their first match of the meet, the 'Dogs downed Indian Springs 15-3 and 15-1 with Jennifer Rutledge high scorer both times.

Nan and Valerie Anderson led the MHSers in the next round as they bopped Shelby County 15-3 and 15-6.

Beat Shelby again

Last Tuesday the 'Dogs again stopped Shelby County with 15-3, 15-1 decisions at Montevallo.

The MHSers lost their final match of the season last Friday as Bibb County took 15-11 and 15-10 games.

Tomorrow the 'Dogs will be going after their second consecutive area title as they compete in the Area 7 Tournament at the University of Montevallo.

Big plays bring big victory

by Chuck Reynolds

Montevallo's Bulldogs became No. 1 in Shelby County Oct. 21 by defeating Calera's Eagles 28-14. "It was the type game that justifies high school football," remarks Coach Richard Gilliam of the battle. "Two fine teams gave all they had, and I'm proud that we came out on top." Calera's defense was outstanding, and it took "big plays" to put points on the board for MHS.

'Dogs grab a fumble

The 'Dogs picked up a fumble deep in Eagle territory early in the second period. Three plays later Chuck Reynolds battled the last five yards into the end zone for six points, and Terry McCarey sprinted around right end for two more.

On Calera's next possession, Montevallo's defense was invulnerable, forcing the Eagles to punt on their own 16. Glen Jackson broke through the Eagle line and batted the ball into the end zone for a second "big play" touchdown.

Kornegay kicks

Barry Kornegay added the PAT. Kornegay also added his bit in big plays by booting two field goals in the third quarter—one for 37; the other, 31 yds.

Montevallo's final TD came with 32 seconds left in the 3rd period on a dazzling 85-yd. punt return by McCarey.

Calera scores

Curtis Pearson, Steve Roberson, and Gary Smith put the 14 points on the board for the Eagles.

Coach Gilliam cited the Bulldog defense for containing the Eagles' explosive offense.

Tim Otts set a new record for sacks this season with 11.

Other defensive players Coach praised were Kornegay and Steve Melsoni at ends; Reynolds, Jerome Tolbert, and Kelvin Lilly at linebacker; and Jeff Lucas, Kevin Hughes, and McCarey in the secondary.

TCTS furnishes HC opposition

Montevallo entertains Talladega County Training School tonight for homecoming at the final game of the regular season.

TCTS brings a 1-8 record into the contest and will be trying to end an otherwise dismal season by defeating the area champs.

Coach Richard Gilliam warns, "TCTS has an improved offense over last year. Their quarterback, Harold Draper, averages over 100 yards rushing per game this season."

Bulldog growls --

Football men are scholars too

by Charles Winston

Size, speed, and natural talent, characteristics of a football team, are possessions of only a few members of MHS's grid squad.

However, other factors stand out giving this group a big advantage over most—these are leadership and "brains."

An intelligent team makes few mistakes to kill themselves and capitalizes on mistakes of opponents. This quality has been apparent in many battles this season.

Five Bulldogs, members of the distinguished National Honor Society are: Barry Kornegay (president), Barry Harper (business manager), Mike Beers, Darrell Lawley, and Chuck Reynolds.

Beers and Lawley hold other important offices as well. Mike is student council president and Darrell is senior class president. Terry McCarey is vice president of the senior group, with Jeff Lucas, treasurer. Junior class officers include Kevin Hughes at V.P. and Scobie Wilcox, treasurer.

Six 'Dogs deserve special recognition for earning an all-A record for the first six weeks this year. These are Wade Bice, Kevin Lawley, Darrell Lawley, Robert Lightfoot, David Melsoni, and Chuck Reynolds.

Fourteen other football athletes earned A-B honors for the first grading period. This group includes: Mike Beers, Brady Brackin, Barry Harper, Ronnie Holsombeck, Kevin Hughes, Kenneth Jones, Barry Kornegay, David Lash, Steve Melsoni, Tim Otts, Patrick Sims, Carey Thompson, Jerome Tolbert, and Scobie Wilcox.



In girls volleyball--

MHS wins state honors

Lexington High School dashed MHS's hopes of a state volleyball championship last Saturday as they dropped the 'Dogs 15-11 and 15-6, but MHS could still boast of having the tournament's No. 1 player. Nan Jones received the most-valuable-player award.

Nan and teammate Suzanette Campbell were also chosen as all-staters in the playoffs held at Jacksonville State University.

Before the finals, Lexington had already
(Cont'd p. 6)



VICTORY SMILES

All-state players Suzanette Campbell (l) and Nan Jones (MVP) smile happily after helping MHS win second place in the state volleyball tournament at Jacksonville State University last Saturday.

The 2nd place state prize is the first of its kind in volleyball to be added to MHS's athletic trophy cases.

Christmas holiday dates pending--

Vacation time comes again

THE HOLIDAY SEASON WILL BEGIN next Wednesday when the 2:45 bell rings. At that time classes will be dismissed for Thanksgiving vacation. Students and teachers will enjoy a four-day break, with classes resuming on Monday morning, Nov. 28, at 7:55.

Christmas may be late

Christmas holidays are presently set for Dec. 16-Jan. 2. However, these dates may be changed.

At the Nov. 3 Shelby County Education Association meeting, the teachers passed a recommendation that the annual vacation be rescheduled for Dec. 21-Jan. 3.

Board will have last word

The final decision will be made by Shelby County's Board of Education at its next meeting, Wednesday, Nov. 23, according to MHS principal W. C. Corbett.

"January 2 would be a bad day to come back to school as many students and teachers wish to stay home to see the parades and bowl games, many of which will be held on this day since New Year's Day falls on Sunday," Mr. Corbett explains.

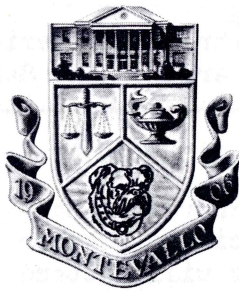
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THANKS A LOT!

"We appreciate your generosity," says teacher Charles Martin (r) as he accepts the key to a new Pontiac from Mr. Hanson Leach. (Story p. 2)

Government helps out--

Teachers expand in math

by Emily Steele

SINCE LAST SUMMER, teachers Jim Hermecz and Douglas Morris have been involved in the Elementary Secondary Education Act, Title IV math project. The purpose of the workshop is to write learning activity packets for students having difficulty in mathematics and those interested in vocational activities according to Mr. Hermecz.

The packets cover 13 areas, some of which are carpentry, business, auto mechanics, and graphic arts. They must be completed by the end of January. In March and April the packets will be given to 7th grade math teachers throughout Shelby County to be used by some of the students for evaluation of their effectiveness.

Three-year working period

The project is to be extended over a three-year period. Next year's packet will center around the 8th grade, and the following year is set aside for the 9th grade.

In order to get the workshop underway, a proposal had to be submitted to the Federal government for funding.

Government finances

With Mr. Dan Acker, supervisor of the county's job placement, and Mr. Hermecz as co-chairmen of the in-service group in charge of the proposal, federal funding was established.

Through the ESEA, the workshop and substitute teachers for the instructors when they miss school to attend meetings are paid by the government.

Mr. Morris says the project involves approximately 40 other teachers from the Shelby County area.

RETAKES SCHEDULED

Waldrup Studios photographer, Mr. Ben Boak, will be here today to take pictures for those who were absent Oct. 19 or those who need remakes.

Driving trainees get new auto

A sandeewood colored Pontiac Phoenix arrived at MHS Nov. 1 for driver's education students to drive. Leach Pontiac of Montevallo furnished the new automobile for the classes' use.

"We really appreciate Mr. Leach's providing a car for us to use after the one ordered by Ken Terry Chevrolet did not arrive," says Principal W. C. Corbett.

"It's a beauty! I'd like to have it for my own," says sophomore Fredia Thrift, while classmate Debbie Sutton adds, "It really rides smoothly."

One semester of driver's education is required for graduation.

Teachers study

Math teacher Doug Morris and science teacher Jim Hermecz will attend an ESEA workshop in Columbia next Tuesday.

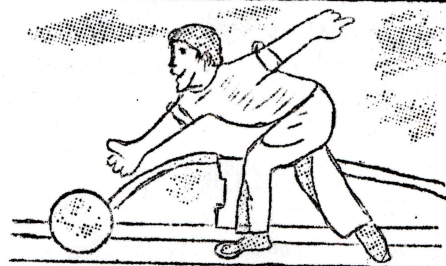
It's news downtown--

Youth groups go bowling

The Word of Life Clubs and area churches are sponsoring a Bowl-a-Then Teen Rally tonight at midnight until 6 a.m. A fee of \$5.50 takes care of all expenses including continental breakfast.

The group will leave Wilton ESP parking lot at 11 p.m. For further information one may call Mr. Tom Hammett--665-5172.

UM faculty and students combine talents as Dr. W. T. Chichester directs "Arsonic and Old Lace" at the university Nov. 23-Dec. 3.



Montevallo Middle School invites its students and teachers to its Christmas dance in the MMS auditorium Dec. 10.

There will be a small admission charge for this entertainment.

Jeanetta Corbett (1971 MHS grad) is the new director of Environmental and Energy Education at UM.

Her office is in charge of providing teaching materials on environmental education for several levels of education.

Our cup runneth over
with blessings...



Many good things
happen to MHS

As Thanksgiving draws near, students will think of this special day as a time for turkey and dressing; but not only do MHSers as individuals have many blessings for which to be thankful, but the entire school has much for which to thank God.

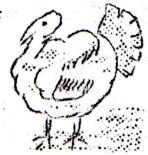
Although there were many frustrating days of renovation in the past, those long hours of hard work and inconveniences are over and now MHS has one of the most modern, comfortable buildings in the state.

In addition to a student body and faculty who work together in making classes interesting, the music and sports programs are also outstanding.

The marching band, football squad, and volleyball team have already proven themselves this year as winners.

All these features as well as many intangibles add up to one of the most important things students are thankful for--a wonderful school, MHS.

Happy
Holidays



30 busy days
hath November

Here it is right in the middle of November--probably one of the busiest months of the year. I've been so busy I haven't really had a chance to get my thoughts straight.

I think it all started on Halloween; then came a week of homecoming. Next, I found myself in the football state playoff and following the girls' volleyball team to state also.

I've been trying to catch up on my reading for Book Week, and finally I'm getting in shape for a big turkey dinner.

November is surely one hectic month.

After the rush, I'll take some time to get my head straight; but then December comes with bowl games, parades, and Christmas season rolling in.

Oh well, here's to a busy year at MHS.

(Darrell Lawley)

SC secretary
writes thanks

Dear Editor:

We thank all students who helped make homecoming '77 a memorable event.

Special thanks go to Principal W. C. Corbett, teachers Frances Anthony, Cathy Bearden, Barbara Belisle, Susie DeMent, and Delilah Robinson, and student teachers Jerri Lynn Morrow and Sarah Rankin who gave much time and effort to making homecoming possible.

Leslee Belluchie
SC Secretary

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1st Place

Letter urges 'Christ'mas

Dear Editor:

In recent years I have noticed that the use of the word 'XMAS' has become rather prevalent in the American vocabulary. Somehow, the public has forgotten the true meaning of this most holy day and has begun leaving Christ out of it-- both in writing and celebrating.

I understand that it is much faster to say Xmas; and when writing, it is much easier to write Xmas where there is little space or room. However, I must remind the public of the shape we would be in if Christ Himself had no time or room for us.

As the holiday season rolls around once more, let's make it a special time and remember that Christ comes first in Christmas.

Sincerely,
Iris Smitherman

Teams saluted

MHS has had two participants in state playoffs so far this year--the volleyball team and the football team. The school and community congratulate the teams and coaches.

Many hours of practice, drills, and just plain hard work paid off for the groups as they brought distinction to the school.

MHSers proudly salute the players and coaches on the way they upheld traditions and the reputation of the school.

Student group earns thanks

The sky opened up and brought forth the rain on Nov. 4, but homecoming activities went off as scheduled. Special thanks go to the student council for a successful event. Hardships were overcome!

The work of those who put out more than 100% of their share made the event something very special.

Success is brought about by those who are willing to do more than they are called upon to do. All the effort is appreciated.

Due to planning, work, and practice, the festivities of "Life Is a Party" will be long remembered by the student body, faculty, and alumni of MHS.

Bicentennial novels interesting

by Greg Hardin

John Jake's series of bicentennial novels (The Bastard, The Rebels, The Seekers, The Furies, The Titians, and The Warriors) tells the story of a fictitious family's struggle from the pre-colonial days in Europe through the early post Civil War days.

The books introduce such great Americans as Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Andrew Jackson, and Abraham Lincoln, in a very vivid and lifelike manner, showing each man's place in the making of America.

The War between the States is handled very well with the views of both sides and those caught in the middle being expressed with much feeling and intensity. For readers more interested in the romantic side of life, Jake weaves a suspenseful saga of love and romance.

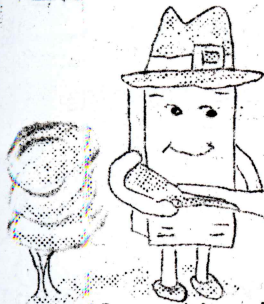
The series offers a rather unique way to learn American history while giving many hours of reading pleasure.

Book week is underway

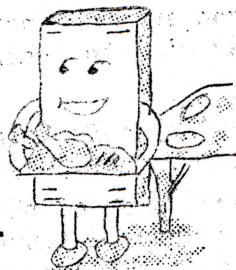
This is National Book Week. What better time to visit the school library than now.

Librarian Joe Brady urges all MHS students to come in, browse around, and see what's new and interesting.

Lunch is 'sticky' subject



Thanksgiving day
Will be here soon--
A time to sing
A thankful tune.
Turkey we'll eat
Along with dressing
As one by one
We count each blessing.



While eating lunch, juniors Barbara McGiboney and Lisa Coon were having a hard time with candy apples. Finally, giving up, Barbara said, "This is a sticky situation."

Making her way to class, junior Nellie Yelder said, "I'd better go before I'm tardy." "Re-tarded," quipped junior Patricia Sailes.

Others will step up--

When Genea Abbott asked, "What are football widows?" Phebea Cathey's reply was, "Football players who've had wives to pass away."

24 take last march for MHS

BAND PLAYS A BIG PART in the lives of many MHSers. This year the band is the largest in the history of the school, marching 107, one-fourth of the student body.

Although the band is now in concert season, many of the group have completed their field performances. Five-year Troubadours Sheri Barrow, Cathy Belisle, Kathy Glosson, Greg Hardin, Tommy Ingram, Iris Smith, man, and Mary Jane Wyatt,

Day means prayers, feasts

THANKSGIVING IS A DAY SET ASIDE as a holiday on which to give thanks for God's kindness during the year. However it means different things to different people. In the United States where it originated in 1623, the majority regard the day as one for giving thanks with feasting and prayer for the blessings of the year.

CANADIANS LOOK UPON THIS DAY much like Americans do, but their celebration comes on the second Monday in October. The day also brings varied thoughts to teachers at MHS.

"TO ME THANKSGIVING is a day of relaxing at home, watching football games and eating turkey," explains librarian Joe Brady.

English teacher Jennifer Jones says, "It is a time of family gathering, being able to see old faces you have not seen in a long time."

"To me it's a day to give thanks for the blessings that we have received over the years, and I always associate it with turkey and cranberry sauce," teacher Charles Kidd smiles in anticipation.

Ag teacher Tim Wiggins adds, "It's a special holiday I get to spend with my family. I am on a diet, though, so I won't be able to eat the traditional turkey and dressing, however. I want grits instead, but I can't have that either."

Grades are due

Next Wednesday at 2:40 many MHSers will have extra prayers for Thanksgiving as they receive report cards.

Others may be less grateful on the traditional day of thanks because of the little manilla card which represents their work for the second grading period of the year.

Other senior marchers are Kirk Cunningham, Benjie Dailey, Tamee Davis, Gail Hill, Albert Jones, Marla Jones, Lettie Reynolds, Charlotte Stephens, Anne Tolbert, and Marsha Zahmensky.

Two-year majorettes Vanessa Cottingham and Anita Stewart also have completed their halftime performances.

Five flag corps members also graduate: Phebea Cathey, Tina McClain, Lorie Pickett, Mary Sherrer, and head Sylvia Jones.

"We'll miss these 24 but the band shouldn't be any smaller. In fact, next year we anticipate 128 participants," band director Jim Weese comments.

Volleyball team wins -- (Cont'd)

sent MHS to the losers bracket by taking the second round 15-10, 15-7.

"They're just a much stronger team that we are," explains Coach Dot Bishop describing the champions.

Beat Winfield

The Bulldogs began the day by defeating Winfield in a three game match (15-8, 14-16, and 13-4).

After moving to the losers' side of the double elimination tournament, the 'Dogs dropped Montgomery County, Winfield, and St. Paul of Mobile (last year's champs) on their road to meeting Lexington in the finals.

Win area and region

For the area title, the MHSers defeated Winterboro in the finals of a tournament held at the University of Montevallo.

The 'Dogs then beat out host team Hokes Bluff for the region championship.

'Dogs post 9-0-1 record

COACH RICHARD GILLIAM has coached his first undefeated regular season; his Bulldogs crushed Talladega County Training School, 32 - 14, Nov. 4 to end the regular 1977 schedule with a 9-0-1 record.

Montevallo had no contest with the Tigers--the first team played only one and one-half quarters.

Scores by Kevin Hughes, Darrell Lawley, Terry McCary, and Chuck Reynolds built up a quick 26-0 lead.

At this point the second string entered the battle. Hughes threw to Edd Green in the end zone making the score 32-0 at halftime. The 9th grade squad picked up the action here. The young group moved the ball but was unable to score.

Except for two bombs--one for a touchdown, the other to set up a score--the young group contained the Tigers.

"I'm really proud of our first bunch for putting the game away early to allow the younger men a chance for game experience," Coach Gilliam says.

Bulldog growls--

Basketball 'man' is optimistic

by Chuck Reynolds

Coach Kurt Pnazek is optimistic as he faces a tough basketball schedule with only two players who have had much varsity play.

The Bulldogs have their work cut out for them with this year's schedule tougher, overall, than the '76-'77 one.

Coach Pnazek cites 3A Thompson and Shelby County along with 2A Vincent as county teams to look out for. Francis Marion, Vincent, Blocton, and Winterboro could all be trouble in area competition.

Montevallo plays a difficult 3A schedule, facing only one team below their own 2A competition. This is the Holy Family Tournament, a group capable of competing in 4A.



Athletes will dine

MHS will hold its annual fall sports banquet Dec. 10 with a new dimension highlighted.

Volleyball players and Coach Dot Bishop will join the football team at this year's awards ceremony.

The Bulldog Boosters will sponsor the affair and prepare the food.

Mixed groups get mixed reaction

Although two PE classes remain segregated, this year's other PE sections have gone co-ed for part of the semester. Next year the Federal guideline requires PE courses to mix students, but this year is only experimental according to instructor Dot Bishop.

Student reaction to mixed groups vary. Junior Scobie Wilcoxon says, "It's fun sometimes, but it also gets embarrassing when I mess up in front of the girls," while Bill Allen emphatically states, "I hate it."

Senior Sybille Cathey chooses the brighter side, "I like it. It gives me a chance to be with boys who are my friends." Her classmate Jackie Harrell reports she likes it because "it's fun mixed up together. We laugh at them; they laugh at us."

In State playoff--

Hokes Bluff halts MHS

Hokes Bluff defeated Montevallo 12-6 in the first round of the state's football playoffs at Hokes Bluff Nov. 10. The Eagles play Handley tonight in the second round.

Spirit was high as the Bulldogs entered the state competition, but numerous fumbles and an off-night led them to a loss.

6-0 at halftime

Early in the second quarter the Eagles started a drive from their 42 for the first score, and the halftime count was 6-0.

Following the HB touchdown, the Bulldogs drove from their own 32-yd. line to the Eagle 23, where on fourth and one the Eagle defense stopped quarterback Terry McCarey for no gain.

Scoreless 3rd

After a scoreless third period, a 26-yd. pass set up HB's final score.

The Bulldogs' big play came on the kickoff after the HB touchdown, when McCarey took the ball 90 yards for MHS's 6 points.

McCarey had 63 yards on 18 carries; Willie Rutledge had 20 on 9 carries; and Chuck Reynolds, 22 on 7.

"We never gave up; the boys had a good effort. Hokes Bluff was well prepared; they took away our outside option and hurt us on their off-tackle play," says Coach Richard Gilliam.

Captains named

Bulldog seniors Barry Kornegay, Darrell Lawley, and Terry McCarey were chosen by fellow teammates as permanent football team captains for 1977.

"I think the team made excellent choices. All are great leaders and ball players and exemplify the Christian attitude of the team both on and off the field," Coach Richard Gilliam comments.



WAIT 'TIL NEXT YEAR!

Junior Bulldogs boarding the bus for Hokes Bluff are (l-r): Kevin Hughes, Kelvin Lilly, and Jerome Tolbert.

Play Bibb at UM tomorrow--

'Dogs begin basketball

IT'S BASKETBALL TIME again for the Bulldogs with the opening game tomorrow night. As a preliminary match for the University of Montevallo's Tip-Off Tournament, MHS will play Bibb County's Choctaws at 5:30.

Returning only two men from last year's squad, head coach Kurt Pnazek states, "It's really a rebuilding season. We'll be looking to Terrence (Chappell) and Terry (McCarey), our only two returning starters, for a lot of leadership."

Coach Pnazek adds, "It seems the potential and talent are there, but at this point the team seems farther behind than at this time last year."

"We're off to a late start as a result of the state football playoff."

Pointing to a competitive schedule, Coach expresses high expectations that "the group will get stronger as the year progresses."

He adds, "I'm looking forward to getting started; I predict that by mid-season we'll be as good as we were at that time last year."

BULLDOG BASKETBALL

1977--78

Nov.	19-Bibb Co. -----	UM
	21-22-Thompson Classic	
	29-Briarwood -----	H
Dec.	2-Winterboro -----	T
	5-9-Mid-State Meet	
	13-Bibb Co. -----	T
	15-Thompson -----	T
Jan.	5-Jemison -----	H
	6-Winterboro -----	H
	10-Shelby Co. -----	T
	11-Holy Family---B'ham	
	16-21-Shelby Co. Meet	
	24-Marion -----	H
	27-Shelby Co. -----	H
	31-Marion -----	T
Feb.	3-Vincent -----	T
	6-Blocton -----	H
	7-Bibb Co. -----	H
	10-Dallas Co. -----	T
	14-Vincent -----	H
	17-Thompson -----	H
	20-24-Area -----	H
	25-Region 4 - Ashville	

In Christmas play--

Lash takes title role

Junior David Lash will star as Detroit Louie in the dramatics club play set for Dec. 16. Senior Tim Otts will portray his accomplice Harry in playwright Bobby G. Wood's "Christmas Comes to Detroit Louie."

The cast for the presentation and their parts are: old man, Cliff Anderson; John, Mark Baker; Cara, Genea Abbott; doctor, Gerald Walker; nurse, Rene Davis; Mrs. Aiken, Anne Tolbert; Blind girl, Vonna Carson.

Woman, Gail Hill; husband, Albert Jones, Jr.; specialist, Patrick Sims; and angels, Marla Abbott, Vickie Lilly, and Curtis Peoples.

"I believe it's going to be a good play. It'll take a lot of work, but I believe we have a cast that is willing to work hard," Mrs. Belisle comments.

Bad weather ends contest

The band suffered another disappointment Nov. 5 when the Southeastern Marching Festival at Troy was cancelled because of heavy rainfall.

This makes the second band contest interrupted due to rains this year. Earlier, the Troubadours were unable to attend the Marching Band Contest at the Fairgrounds in Birmingham.

"I am disappointed that we attended only one marching contest this year, but I am looking forward to a tremendous concert season now," says band director Jim Weese.

Last Monday the band kicked off concert season with sight reading and beginning preparations for the Christmas concert.

Class of '67 resets reunion

Due to some confusion in plans the Class of 1967 did not get together at MHS's homecoming. Instead, they will meet tonight.

The get-together is set for 7 p.m. at the Green Park South Club house in Pelham. Signs will be posted for directions to the club house according to Mrs. Phyllis Logan Crump, chairman of the "reunion."

"The planning committee is doing a fantastic job; and I think everyone is in for a great time," Mrs. Crump says as she urges class members to call her or other committee members if they have questions.

Committee members include Douglas Jones, Peggy Sue Hurt Kent, Barbara Morris Nabors, Anita Mitchell Williams, and Clarence Stone.

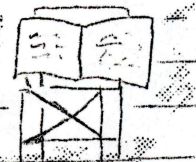
Yearbook staff gets job training

Taylor Publishing Company representative David Turner conducted a workshop for MONTALA staff members last Wednesday to discuss publication of the '78 yearbook. Such topics as layout, cover, typestyle, and use of color were studied by the group with the advisor.

Editor Barry Kornegay comments, "We hope the 1978 yearbook will be even better than last year's. We're also hoping that everyone will buy one."

Library adds new materials to MHS shelves

Since the beginning of the school year, the library has purchased approximately 30 books according to librarian Joe Brady.



Paperbacks added

These new additions include paperbacks as well as hard-bound editions.

Among titles acquired are well known works such as Sylvia Porter's Money Book, Agent in Place by Helen MacInnes--recently on the best seller list--and several others by Ernest Hemingway.

Gardening helps

Mr. Brady says there are also some books dealing with various topics such as miniature gardens, art, and gardening.

During the magazine sale conducted recently by the junior class, the library's subscriptions were renewed.

Plans have already been made to purchase additional materials by January 1978 Mr. Brady notes.

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Christmas concert--

Band to play

The Troubadours will hold their annual Christmas Concert Dec. 15 at 7:30 in Palmer Hall.

White Christmas, Messiah, and Winter Wonderland are three of the numbers to be included on the program according to band conductor James K. Weese.

Two assemblies set--

Holidays start Friday

Two assemblies next Friday will get students in the holiday mood before they leave for Christmas vacation.

During second period the dramatics club will perform "Christmas Comes to Detroit Louie," directed by club sponsor Barbara Belisle.

Main characters

Leading characters are Detroit Louie (David Lash), Harry (Tim Otts), blind girl (Vonna Carson), and the angel who lost her wings (Vickie Lilly). Admission is 50¢.

That afternoon the annual Christmas program will begin after fifth period. The band, speech class, and girls' chorus will be featured.

Band plays

The band's presentations will include White Christmas, Noel Francis, Tunes of Glory, and Messiah Overture.

Choral readings of "A Christmas Carol" by Josiah Gilbert and an old English carol also entitled "A Christmas Carol" will be given by the speech class.

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WHEN DETROIT LOUIE SPEAKS . . .

David Lash (l-r), Vonna Carson, and Cliff Anderson rehearse for the dramatics club play.

Board says 'books, not bowls' for county's schools Jan. 2

MHS will celebrate Christmas holidays on time this season. Earlier the County Teachers' Association suggested that the vacation begin on Dec. 21 and continue to Jan. 3 since New Year's Day will be observed on Jan. 2 this year. However, this idea was voted out by the Shelby County Board of Education.

Classes will be dismissed next Friday at 2:45 and resume at 8 a.m., Jan. 2, as originally set up by the County Superintendent of Education's office.

MHS students express mixed emotions on the holidays.

Freshman Angela Velarde says happily, "I'm glad to see vacation remain as planned for I already had my plans, plus we still get three weekends this way," while junior David Lash explains, "It won't seem like New Year's because I'll have to miss the bowl games."

15 make top honor listing

Fifteen MHS students made the Principal's List for the second six weeks of the semester. This indicates a decline in grades from the first six weeks when 20 pupils earned A's in all their subjects.

The 10th and 12th grades tied for the lead, with five all-A students in each class.

Those earning all-A records are:

Seniors: Leslie Davis, Chuck Reynolds, Mary Sherer, Mary Jane Wyatt, and Marsha Zahumensky.

Juniors: Glenn Anthony, Rene Davis, Janet Hicks, and Emily Steele.

Sophomores: Deandrea Cole, Anne Klemenc, Steve Melsoni, and Edna Williams.

Todd Austin was the only 9th grader on the honor listing.

It's news downtown--

Christmas is caroling time

Several groups have made plans to go Christmas caroling in the Montevallo area during the holidays.

Included in the list is Mayberry Baptist, Shiloh Baptist, and University Baptist.

On Christmas Eve a community candlelight service will be held at the Montevallo Presbyterian Church on Shelby Street. The service will start at 7 p.m.

Rev. Gary Goodman will lead the meeting which is to include communion and singing of Christmas songs by candlelight. All are urged to attend.

At 7 p.m. next Wednesday the University of Montevallo will hold graduation services for the first

From National Scholastic Press--

Newspaper gets 31st award

"SPOTLIGHT is a bright and lively publication," commented Judge Mary Skar who awarded SPOTLIGHT its 31st consecutive All-American rating for last year's second semester's publication.

All-American is the highest award given by the National Scholastic Press Association judging board.

SPOTLIGHT received 4,240 points--480 over 1st place and four marks of distinction out of a possible five.



semester. Exercises will be in Palmer Auditorium.

Merchants and Planters Bank will soon add two new teller windows. According to president Pat Kelly plans are underway to construct the expansion.

Whitt's barbecue is now under construction on highway 119, near the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Ellitsville.

United Methodist Youth Fellowship will present a live nativity scene Sunday, Dec. 18, from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. in front of the Montevallo First United Methodist Church.

A choir and brass ensemble will provide background music.

New books come

Fifteen new books have been added to the library according to librarian Joe Brady.

Mr. Brady predicts several of these will be student favorites.

Mrs. Skar rated the sports section highest, giving it perfect marks.

"The sports copy has verve, zest; it's just great," she wrote.

SPOTLIGHT adviser Cathy Bearden notes, "I'm sure everyone on last year's staff is proud of this award for they were really a dedicated, hard working group."

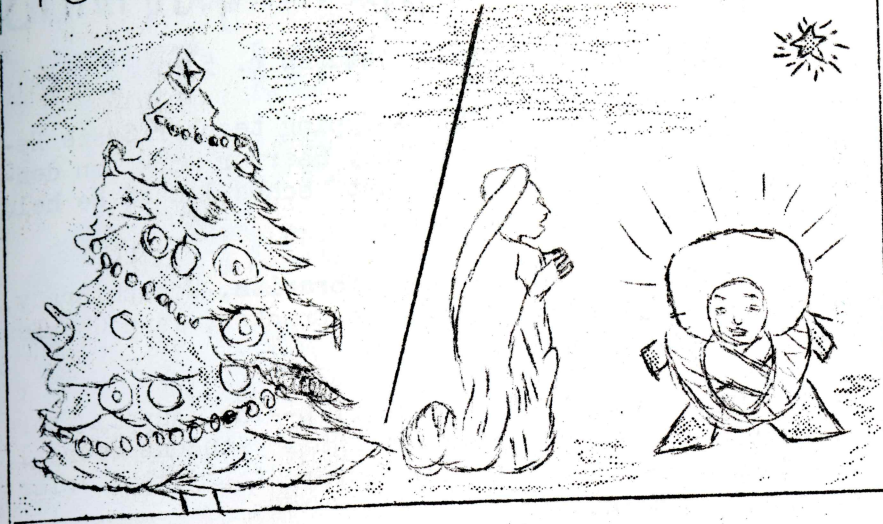
Lawley competes

Senior Darrell Lawley placed third in the North Alabama Medical Terminology Spelling Contest Nov. 19 at Irondale.

He and two others will compete as North Alabama representatives against three from South Alabama during the State Health Occupations Students of America State Convention in Montgomery in February.

"I surely won't miss 'cholesterol' again," says Darrell.

Your day—or His?



Christmas belongs to Christ

Although Christmas is a time for gifts and giving, it is sometimes easy to forget the true meaning of the day.

However, Christ's birth should never be forgotten amid the holiday bustle.

With Christmas on Sunday this year, worship can easily be a part of everyone's Christmas since the church doors of all denominations will be open that day.

This gives MHSers and others all over the world an opportunity to celebrate the birth of the Saviour Jesus Christ in a most appropriate manner.

Hunting calls for added caution

"Danger" hit the woods as deer and turkey season began Nov. 18 with an increasing number of hunters this year. Sportsmen should take precautions to avoid accident by using gun safety and wearing proper clothing.

Some hunters shoot at any movement, finding too late that the "movement" was another hunter. One should wait for positive identification. In addition wearing bright orange hats or vests can help.

Practicing safety can give hunters an accident free season and help make sure everyone is able to hunt again next year.

Accidents can turn holidays into disaster

With Thanksgiving over and Christmas season beginning, let us be mindful to take extra precautions during the festive holidays.

The utmost care should be taken in the home, especially while utilizing fires and enjoying electric lights and other decorations on the Christmas tree.

In addition, the outdoors calls for practicing safety rules not only by hunters carrying firearms, but also by children playing with new toys and games.

Those of us who will be traveling during the holidays should all be extra cautious with automobiles or motorcycles. And, remember, drinking and driving don't mix.

Keep in mind that accidents are the fourth leading cause of death in the United States, so everyone should strive to have a HAPPY—but SAFE—Holiday Season.

...Darrell Lawley

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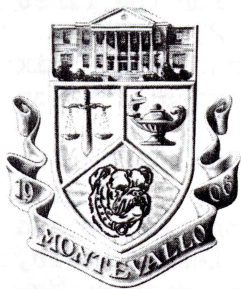
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PTA is changed

Next month's PTA meeting originally planned for Feb. 6 will be postponed due to the recent fire in the auditorium according to Principal W.C. Corbett.

PTA president Hal Sawyer explains, "We plan to re-schedule the meeting," but he indicates that it will still be held in February.



HE'S SMALL, BUT . . .

At least he's a snowman! MHSers (l-r) Leslee Belluchie and Marsha Zahumensky make the most of their "snow holiday" last Friday.

Snow brings holiday--

Weather closes MHS

SNOW AND ICE that was part of a system that blanketed the Eastern seaboard of the United States had its effects on Montevallo last Friday as all the schools took a holiday. With the icy sleet and snow, roads froze over, especially hilltops, bridges, and overpasses, causing hazardous driving conditions in the north and central portions of the state.

Because of dangerous road conditions, Shelby County Schools were shut down for a second time this year. Freezing rain on Jan. 12 had caused an earlier closing.

Principal W. C. Corbett says, "It has not been decided when the days will be made up."

At Shades Valley tomorrow--

Troubadours will compete

TOMORROW 23 MHS BAND MEMBERS will participate in the annual Solo and Ensemble Contest at Shades Valley High School. Each student will receive a performance rating, and those who earn "superior" will receive medals for their performance.

Troubadours who will participate are freshmen Todd Austin and Tommy Owens; sophomores Martin Beaton, Charles Brantley, Jimmy Brown, Jennifer Daily, Danny DeLage, Chassie Harbour, John Owens, and Billy Perry.

Also competing will be juniors Cliff Anderson, Billy Brantley, Stark Harbour, Shawn Spicer, Gerald Walker; and seniors Benjie Dailey, Tommy Ingram, Albert Jones, Anne Tolbert, and Mary Jane Wyatt. Three 8th graders,

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Guidance counselor Frances Anthony adds for the benefit of seniors, "Graduation will be held May 25 regardless of when the days are made up."

"If the make-up comes before then, seniors will be expected to be present. Otherwise, they will get out earlier than the rest of the school."

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Principal writes NHS awards honor roll ribbons

Principal W. C. Corbett is "trying something new."

Students receiving all A's for the first semester will receive special recognition for this achievement.

Mr. Corbett is writing letters of congratulation to the parents of the 27 scholars praising their accomplishment.

Twenty-seven students earned all A's for the first semester as reports were distributed Jan. 23 at MHS.

Ten seniors, five juniors, six sophomores, and six freshmen made the first honor roll (all grades of 90 or above).

The National Honor Society awarded blue ribbons to those on first honor roll and red ribbons to those students on second honor roll. Seniors earning all A's and a blue ribbon are: Cheryle Lilly Brown, Leslie Davis, Greg Hardin, Darrell Lawley, Tina McClain, Barbara McGiboney, Chuck Reynolds, Mary Sherrer, Mary Jane Wyatt, and Marsha Zahumensky.

Juniors: Glenn Anthony, Mark Baker, Rene Davis, Janet Hicks, Emily Steele.

Sophomores: Anita Bell, Deandrea Cole, Danny Delage, Anne Klemenc, Debbie Kunkel, Edna Williams.

Freshmen: Todd Austin, Wade Bice, Cathy Holmes, Robert Lightfoot, David Melsoni, Scott Studdard.

Seventy-eight had an average of 85 or above.

Band will compete -- (Cont'd)

Taylor Lawrence, Richie Owens, and Cagle Rochester, will also enter the competition.

Last year MHS band members earned ten superior ratings with a flute duet and trio, a brass quartet, a brass ensemble, a woodwind quartet, and four solo performances receiving grades of "1".

Although football games and halftime shows are over for this year, the Troubadours continue their extra practice. Last week they started group sectionals after school hours.

Flutes and oboes rehearse on Mondays; clarinets and bass clarinets, on Tuesdays; and trumpets and French horns, on Wednesdays. Low brass has sectionals on Thursdays; and percussion, Fridays.

"These sectionals will help us in perfecting individual parts," band director Jim Weese explains.

School studies self

MHS is undergoing a five year self-study, sponsored by Southern Association of Schools and Colleges.

Each department reviews its own program then submits the results to a selected committee which in turn points out strengths and weaknesses of the school.

MHS has been accredited by SACS since 1923.

It's news downtown--

Drugstore to feature discounts

Campus Drugstore will open soon according to the owner Jerry Albiano. Remodeling of the building located on the corners of Main and Middle Streets was completed recently.

Mr. Albiano says the business will feature discounts on household needs.

UM's newspaper recycling center will open Feb. 6. Newspaper can be deposited in the bin located between the UM Traffic Safety Center and the UM baseball field.

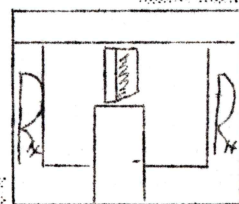
The project is sponsored by the university's Environmental and Energy Center,

headed by Miss Jeanetta Corbett (MHS, '71).

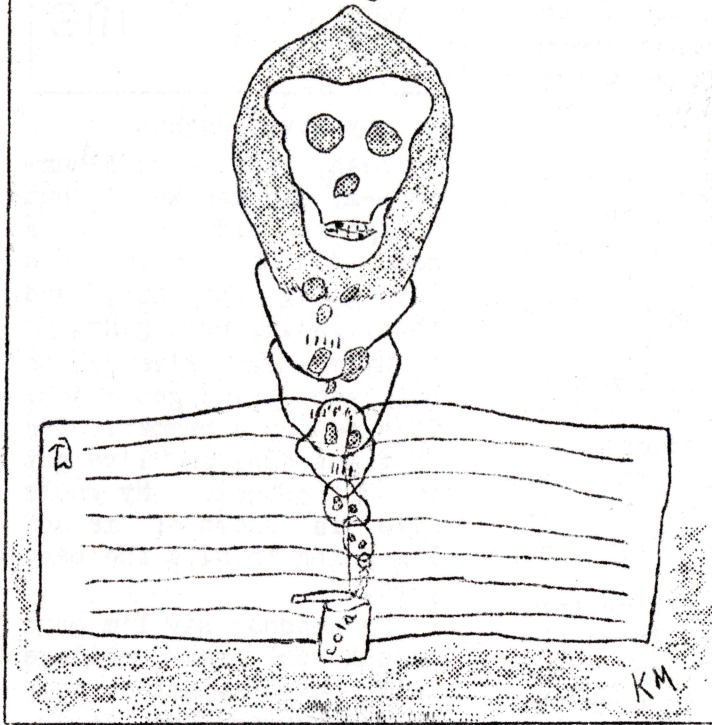
An autograph party will be held today for Miss Eloise Meroney, author of Montevallo, the First One Hundred Years, at the University Baptist Church.

The recently published book about the town is available at Marie's Gift Shop, Klotzman's Department Store, and the Times Printing Co. for \$2.50.

The University of Montevallo will hold its homecoming festivities and College Night performances Feb. 9-11.



Your life could go up in smoke!



Big sister cores

Dear Daniel,

Since you are my younger brother, I think it's my place to try to encourage you not to smoke.

I know that you will soon be faced with a decision when someone offers you a cigarette. It will take courage to say no, but you don't have to smoke just because your friends do.

You have always said, "I'm going to smoke when I get older." I wish that you would give that a second thought. If you think you have to smoke to be in the crowd, you're wrong.

If your friends smoke and call you chicken, that just goes to show that they aren't really friends.

All I ask is that you think about it very seriously. Perhaps you'll change your mind. I hope so. I wouldn't listen to those who told me not to start smoking. Now I wish I had--it's very hard to stop smoking.

The most important thing to remember is that it is very dangerous to your health.

Smoking causes respiratory problems, lung cancer, and heart problems. Why do you think they put the warning on cigarette packs? Because it is so dangerous. Think about it!

Your big sister,
Mary

Teenage smokers warned

During a recent survey, SPOTLIGHT found that 22% of MHS students are smokers. We feel it is our duty to urge them to abandon this bad habit, hence the editorials on this and the following pages by Journalism I students. These students have also entered a contest conducted by the American Cancer Society in cooperation with the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

The writing competition is held in memory of Mr. Benjamin W. Allnutt, an outstanding journalism teacher in Maryland who died from cancer in 1976.

Some weight is 'dead'

Many teenagers are carrying extra weight---tar and nicotine. These enemies from smoking enter the bodies of thousands of teenagers daily.

Since these substances are so harmful, maybe the teens will soon take heed and go on "a diet" to lose that something extra.

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Puffs cost lives, money

Smoking is considered "in," and "lighting up" is the craze among today's young people. It seems that everyone is joining the "hooked generation." Doctors worry, non-smokers complain, and the Surgeon General warns, but the puffing goes on.

If you don't smoke today, you're probably laughed at. Sadly enough, though, the real joke is on the laughers--3,150,000 smoking teens who spend so much money on their "cancer sticks" and "coffin nails." Little do they realize what they are doing to their bodies.

Why not smoke? Well, health factors are the main reason. Cigarette smokers have 70% more heart attacks than non smokers, and an average of six and one-half years are taken off each life. People who "puff" are ten times more likely to have lung cancer and are more susceptible to diseases of the liver than those who do not smoke.

Thinking "so what?" Maybe health doesn't matter, but what about money? Smoking is expensive. Those who smoke "about a pack a day" spend \$182 a year on the habit. Think about the things you could do with the money. Is it worth it?

Do yourself a big favor--if you don't smoke, don't start; if you already do, STOP. (Rene Davis)

Cigarette smoking's cool?

by Leslee Belluchie

Let me congratulate you on a fine football season!

You're quite a celebrity around here with your fast running and fine blocking. You had your picture in the paper almost every week. All the little boys want to be like you, dress like you, talk like you--and, now, smoke like you. You're really setting a fine example.

However, you've finally been accepted by your "friends," haven't you? Like them, you're "cool."

But how "cool" will you look thirty years from now when half your lung is removed due to cancer? How "cool" will it be when you wake up in the middle of the night gasping for breath? Just think; looking "cool" should only shorten your life by about seven years! Real "cool!"

You're a good athlete now; it's too bad you'll never know how good you could have been.

Why did it happen to me

by Kevin Hughes

Yeah, it's a real bummer--my old man wasn't but 46 years old. He had a good job; he really had a lot going for him; and then...well, he's gone.

My mom says I've got to quit school and get a job. It's really a bummer. I'm 16 years old, and I've got to quit school. My whole life is ahead of me and I'm going to miss the best part.

My coaches say I'm good enough to play college ball, but I've got to help my mom support the family. Why did it have to happen to my old man?

The doctors said it was from smoking. My old man had been smoking since he was 14; why didn't cancer kill him sooner if it was from smoking?

I just don't believe all that junk about cigarettes. All I know is that it's a real bummer for me and my family.

Man, I hope my kid never has to quit school.....
"Hey, Bill, got a light?"

'Hot' habit can damage future

If a person burns his hand on a hot skillet, he doesn't hold onto the hot surface, he lets go.

It seems cigarette smokers would also take heed and "drop" the "hot" sticks after warnings of cancer and lung diseases.

True, some young people today feel smoking presents an image of being "cool" and really "grown up." Then, someday, when the smoke clears, they look into the mirror and see a reflection of some one trapped with a hard-to-kick habit which may cause cancer.

Perhaps if students could look ahead to the future, they too would drop the skillet.

Depending on the sky--

Spring arrives Feb. 2, maybe

by Emily Steele

As Ground Hog Day rolls around next Thursday, many springtime lovers hope it will be a shadowless day.

According to a long remembered legend, the ground hog or woodchuck rouses from his winter sleep on Feb. 2 and sticks his head out of his home in the ground. If he sees his shadow, he becomes frightened and returns to his hole, bringing out as he goes in, six more weeks of winter's blustery weather.

If we're lucky and the ground hog doesn't see his shadow, then, as the legend goes, green grass, blooming flowers and warm sunshine are well on the way.

With all the recent ice and snow and chilling wind we have had, everyone will probably be hoping for a very cloudy day.

Demonstration set for Tuesday

Mr. Fanning Yater Tant, a hypnotist from the Motivation and Hypnosis Center in Birmingham, will visit the psychology class next Tuesday.

According to teacher Frances Anthony, Mr. Tant will explain hypnosis and demonstrate it.

"I'm excited about his visit, but I'd be scared to be hypnotized by him--I just don't know enough about that sort of thing," says junior Janet Hicks.

Mrs. Anthony indicates at least two more special activities are tentatively planned for the class.

These are a trip to Bryce Hospital in Tuscaloosa and a presentation of relaxation therapy by Dr. Linda Mahan of UM.

Class plans party

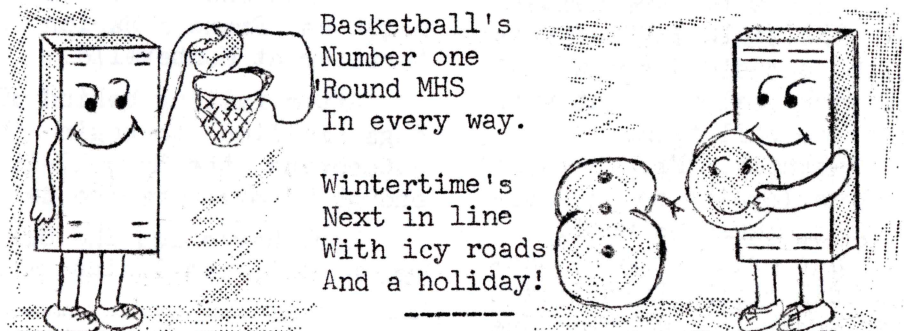
Seniors have made tentative plans to hold an informal party to recognize the class's Who's Who.

The event, scheduled to be held Feb. 16, will take place at the Faculty Club House at the College Lake from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m.

Teachers George Lilly, Doug Morris, and Ann Parker are class sponsors.

Locker Laughs . . .

Black student makes joke



In psychology class, instructor Frances Anthony was talking of the way people react to situations.

"Sometimes people tend to blanch--that's when the blood runs from your face and you turn white," she explained.

"I can't do that," said junior Nellie Yelder, one of the two black students.

Clay Fowler and Deandrea Cole were discussing semester grades.

Clay said, "My grades are going to be so low Daddy won't let me go anywhere! I doubt if he'll even let me come to school."

As senior Vanessa Young recited her poem in speech class, teacher Barbara Belisle asked her to stop looking at the ceiling.

Within seconds the class had to remind her again not to look upward. Mrs. Belisle then quipped, "I guess she needs a guiding light."

While discussing Medicare in 5th period book-keeping class, junior Lee Clayton commented, "A lady went to the doctor and found out she had tuberculosis, but then the doctor told her not to worry because her cancer was eating her up."

Bulldog growls--

City honors Coach Gilliom

by Chuck Reynolds

Yesterday, Jan. 26, was declared Richard Gilliam Day by the City Of Montevallo. Last night members of the Montevallo Rotary Club, Mayor Ralph Sears and several other dignitaries attended a special dinner solely in honor of this outstanding gentleman.

Coach Gilliam has posted outstanding records in all three major high school sports for the past 17 years. He has worked diligently, tirelessly and has made many personal sacrifices during those years.

Any athlete taught by Coach Richard Gilliam will admit the day of recognition is well deserved.

Mr. Frank Melsoni, father of Steve and David, is a loyal booster of athletics at MHS. Mr. Melsoni and his wife are members of the athletics boosters club and did a great deal of work helping out with the football team.

Recently, Mr. Melsoni showed loyalty to our basketball squad as well.

Last Friday night, basketball coach Kurt Pnazeck was stuck in Birmingham due to icy roads and was not able to drive to the finals of the Shelby County Tournament which pitted MHS against Thompson.

Mr. Melsoni, with chains on his truck, traveled to Birmingham, picked up Coach Pnazeck and then returned him home after MHS won the county championship.

Coach Pnazeck says, "I don't know what I'd have done without Mr. Melsoni. There was no way I could have driven to the game."

Mr. Melsoni's good deed is but one example of the many fine contributions made to MHS by members of the Athletic Boosters.



Area foe is tough--

Marion edges MHS 62-59

Coach Kurt Pnazeck's Bulldogs discovered the task that lies ahead of them in Area competition Tuesday night as Francis Marion defeated them 62-59 in a real thriller at Montevallo.

After falling behind 30-17 by halftime, the Bulldogs rallied to begin the third and fourth quarters outscoring the Rams 17-14 and 25-19; but it was not enough to overcome the deficit.

Earl Hayes led the Bulldogs with 18 points and 14 rebounds in the losing effort, with Terrence Chappell throwing in 14 points for second high.

7 games remain

Shelby County comes tonight as the Bulldogs hit the home stretch of the regular basketball season.

With seven games remaining on the regular schedule, five of these are scheduled at MHS.

Here's what's ahead for the Bulldogs:

Jan. 27-Shelby Co.	H
31-F. Marion	T
Feb. 3-Vincent	H
6-W. Blocton	T
7-Bibb Co.	H
10-Dallas Co.	T
14-Vincent	T

'Dogs plan

"Football 1978" got underway Wednesday as next season's team held an organizational meeting to set up the weight program.

There have been no definite plans made for the Spring Jamboree thus far, but MHS will probably participate in the annual County Jamboree as in past years according to Coach Richard Gilliam.

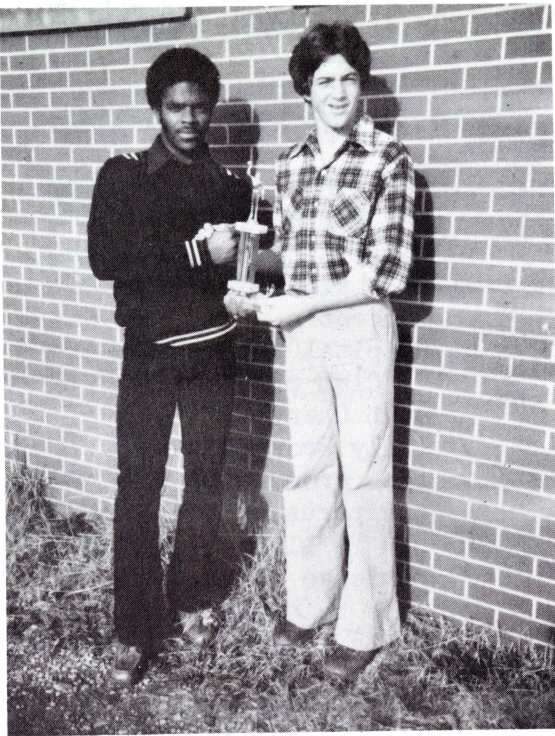
Eddie Mims was the high scorer for the game with 22 points for the Rams.

Three others hit in the double figures for the winners. Sam Curry had 15; and Earl Henderson and Stacey Turner scored 12 apiece.

GIRLS WILL PLAY

Thursday, Feb. 2, will bring a short break to MHS students when they watch their "Lady Bulldog" basketball team in action against Thompson.

The game starts at 10 a.m.; admission is 50¢. Proceeds will help support the female squad.



COUNTY'S BEST

Terrence Chappell (left) and Bret Jones offer each other congratulations after both won MVP awards at the Shelby County Basketball Tournament held at Pelham last week.

Warming up for tournament--

Cagers win 3, lose 1 game

IN THEIR LAST FOUR OUTINGS prior to the county tournament, the Bulldogs won three and lost one game.

Kent Bell was leader as the 'Dogs beat Jemison and Winterboro. He scored 18 and 14 points respectively. In a victory over Shelby County, Otto Fields was top pointmaker. He scored 21 points, with 11 of them coming in the final stanza. Terrence Chappell's 13 points was MHS's high against Holy Family.

Game results

MHS	OPP
67 Jemison	54
45 Winterboro	39
75 Shelby County	64
49 Holy Family	52

Chappell is leader

Going into the county meet, Chappell, top 'Dog in scoring with 195 points, had a 13.9 game average,

while Earl Hayes was the leading rebounder and percentage shooter. He had pulled down 198 rebounds, averaging 14 per game, and was shooting 55% (73-130) from the floor.

Bell is most accurate from the free throw line, scoring on 73% (43-59) of his freebies.

Varsity, B's take titles--

County goes to 'Dogs

MONTEVALLO'S BULLDOGS CAME HOME from the Shelby County Tournament last week claiming two championship and one 2nd place trophies, two MVP awards, and nine all-tournament certificates.

In final games of the five-day meet at Pelham High, the varsity defeated Thompson 62-53; the B team bested Pelham 45-38; and the junior varsity fell 37-32 to Pelham juniors.

Chappell, Jones win MVP awards

Terrence Chappell took most-valuable-player honors for the varsity squad, and Bret Jones won the award for his B team performance.

Other Bulldogs cited for outstanding tournament play were: Varsity--Earl Hayes and Terry McCarey; B-Team--Mark Singh and Dereck Stewart; and Junior Varsity--Lester Cathey, David Melsoni, and Jeffrey Tyus.

Tournament Scores

1st round varsity

Shelby 67; Calera 48
Pelham 50; Vincent 43
T'mpson 104; Chelsea 52
MHS 75; Ind. Spr. 27

Semi-finals

T'mpson 80 - Shelby 66
Montevallo 63 - Pelham 52

Finals

MHS 62 - Thompson 53

MHS "B" Scores

MHS 42 - Thompson 37
MHS 66 - Chelsea 17
MHS 45 - Pelham 38

Juniors Scoring

MHS 47 - ISS 14
MHS 29 - Shelby 24
MHS 32 - Pelham 37

Girls place 3rd

MHS's female basketball team won third place in the Bibb County Invitational Tournament, Jan. 13-14, at Centreville.

In the first game, East Perry downed the Bulldogs 49-42, but the 'Dogs came back in the next round to top Thompson 45-23.

Freshman Valerie Anderson was MHS's high scorer during tourney play with 25 points in the meet.

State checks immunizations

MHSers and other students across the country recently received an immunization form to assess how protected pupils are from disease.

This is part of a national program to raise immunization levels above 90% for all pre-school and school children in the United States during 1978-79.

The reason the Department of Public Health distributed the forms is to know how to evaluate how much of each vaccine was needed. Free immunization clinics will be scheduled in all Alabama schools during the next two years to update immunizations according to Dr. Wayne Teague, head of the State Department of Education.

For second semester--

Speech class is now 'drama'

Speech students who have never had the experience of being a part of "real" drama will have their chance this semester as the class switches from speech to dramatics.

"This will probably be the most exciting part of the class. We'll get a chance to go into the history of drama and will also be doing some of the earlier plays leading to modern times. We'll do some oral interpretations, too. I think the class will enjoy it; it should be fun for them," teacher Barbara Belisle says.

Later in February, students in the dramatics club will present an evening of individual talent.

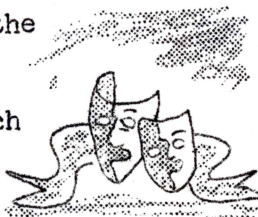
Class plans tour, will study careers

Sophomores will visit the Shelby County Area Vocational Center Feb. 9. Mr. Jimmy Bice, counselor at the Center, will take the students on a tour of the facilities in the school.

The trip is an introduction to the Career Unit taught by 10th grade English teachers.

After the study, each student will decide if he wishes to make plans to attend the Center.

"I think this is terrific. Club members who also take speech might feel a bit more relaxed when the time comes to participate because of the study we'll be doing about drama in class," president Anne Tolbert says.



Club will make hospital visit

Members of the health and careers club will visit St. Vincent's Hospital Feb. 8.

Club president Cheryl Lilly Brown says the group will tour various parts of the hospital.

"It'll be a great experience as well as a pleasure to visit those departments where our interest lies," Cheryl adds.

"We will see the x-ray room, laboratory, nurses' station, and other facilities that club members are interested in," states club sponsor Jim Hermecz.



Seniors look ahead

Seniors will meet with Chambers Engraving Co. representatives next Friday to order graduation invitations and gowns.

The students will also have the opportunity to order memory books and jewelry according to guidance counselor Frances Anthony. The packets will be shipped to the school a month before graduation.

Senior English group studies Bible

College prep English students report to class each day carrying a Bible. The group is studying the writings of the Old and New Testaments, and each student is required to bring a Bible. Teacher Frances Anthony reports most students bring the King James version.

The unit is to criticize and praise the writings. Vocabulary words from the Bible are also emphasized. In addition, a study of the times during which the books were written and their authors is included.

Green named president--

FCA enrolls girls

ANOTHER BARRIER was torn down for females at MHS when the Fellowship of Christian Athletes extended membership to girls. According to club advisor Richard Gilliam anyone regardless of whether he or she is an athlete will be welcomed.

"New dimension"

"We felt the group was too limited and hope the admission of female members will add a new dimension to our spiritual growth," says secretary Bret Jones.

In addition to voting to accept the girls, the club elected officers at last Thursday's meeting.

Green is leader

Leaders named were Edd Green, president; Buddy Holsombeck, vice president; Glen Jackson, treasurer; and Bret Jones, secretary.

"The main objectives of the group will be to study the Bible and help spread God's word through example," Edd explains.

FCA plans to meet on Thursday nights at 7:30 in the MHS gym.

"Any student interested in joining the club may sign the list in the office," Mr. Gilliam says.



FIRST ON THE LIST

Gay Perkins (left) becomes first female recruit of FCA as secretary Brett Jones and Jennifer Rutledge look on.

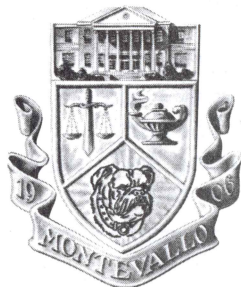
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Fire damage repaired--

Auditorium gets face-lift

RECONSTRUCTION of the auditorium began this week as Bishop Construction Company started tearing down and cleaning out the debris from the Dec. 7 fire at MHS.

After workmen complete the removal of the old roof, they will construct a new one. Principal W.C. Corbett says they will also build a new stage area.

All items destroyed in the fire will also be replaced with new ones.

This will include the fire alarm, clock, intercoms, lights, air conditioners, and curtains. New plaster or sheet rock may have to be installed also due to smoke damage.

"We hope the auditorium will be ready for use after next summer's vacation," Mr. Corbett says.

WBYE spotlights schools

MHS will have a chance to "go on the air" Feb. 17, Mar. 17, Apr. 21, and May 19. The Shelby County Board of Education has arranged for each of the twenty schools in the county to broadcast one program weekly over WBYE in Calera.

Mr. Ralph Sears, who will serve as technical advisor for the series, says he feels the weekly schedule "will reach a larger audience than a single air time."

These programs will be broadcasted twice daily, at 9:15 a.m. and 4:15 p.m.

PTA meets Monday

Mental health is program topic

Mr. Larry Hamilton, of the Shelby County Chapter of the Mental Health Association, will make a film presentation at next Monday night's meeting of the Montevallo PTA.

The meeting will be held at Montevallo Elementary School. It was originally planned for Feb. 6 at MHS but was cancelled due to a fire in the auditorium in December.

Mr. Hal Sawyer, PTA president, says, "I hope everyone will attend this meeting. I feel that the program will be most interesting and worthwhile."

It's News Downtown

Pasquales offers salad choice

Pasquale's Pizza has added a salad bar to their menu. It consists of 15 items with a variety of dressings according to the manager, Pat Reynolds.

A regular serving can be purchased for 89¢, and \$1.49 will buy all one can eat.

Reverend Robert Davis is the new minister for University Baptist Church. He will arrive next week from Jefferson, Ga.

Mr. Ken Medema, a blind composer/singer, will visit UBC Feb. 19. Church secretary Sally Kornegay says the public is invited for the 10:45 a.m. performance.

14 musicians earn top rank

FOURTEEN TROUBADOURS rated superior at the Solo and Ensemble Contest at Shades Valley High School Jan. 28. Winners in the solo performances were sophomore John Owens, juniors Cliff Anderson, Billy Brantley, and Shawn Spicer, and senior Mary Jane Wyatt.

Groups receiving No. 1 ratings were the brass ensemble consisting of Cliff Anderson, Billy Brantley, Charles Brantley, Jimmy Brown, Benjie Dailey, Stark Harbour, John Owens, Tommy Owens, Gerald Walker; the sax trio with Chassie Harbour, Tommy Ingram, and Shawn Spicer, a sax duet of Todd Austin and Chassie Harbour; and a trombone duet, Tommy Owens and Gerald Walker.

The band's next test is district competition Mar. 3.

MHS marks dates

Important dates on the MHS calendar are:

Feb. 13--PTA

14--Valentine's Day

24--Six weeks ends

Mar. 2--Half holiday

13-17--Spring holidays

26--Easter Sunday

Staff grows

Recently first year journalism students were added to SPOTLIGHT staff after successfully completing requirements set by advisor Cathy Bearden.

Junior Rene Davis was named assistant editor; Kevin Hughes, sports editor; and Emily Steele, feature editor.

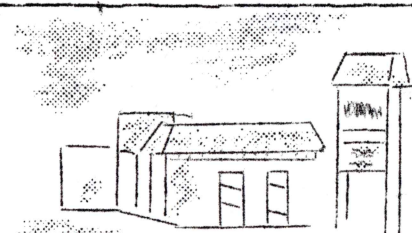
Mark Baker, Sheri Barrow, Kenneth Bell, Leslee Belluchie, Kathy Crowe, Earl Hayes, Janet Hicks, Karen Morris, Lorie Pickett, and Mary Thompson are new reporters.

In addition, Greg Hardin was made co-editor.

ACT date is Apr. 1

April 1 is the next date for the ACT test. The exam will be administered at the University of Montevallo. Students wishing to take this test must register before Mar. 3.

The ACT test requires about three hours to complete according to information from the American College Testing Program.



Gold leaders Mike Bynum and Phyllis Evans and Purple leaders Doug Brown and Terri Drinkard head UM's College Night.

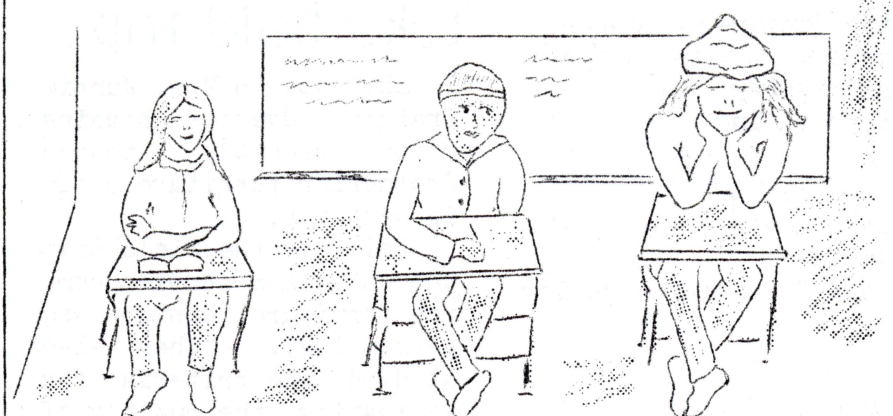
Plays by the two groups will be presented tonight and tomorrow night at 8:00 in Palmer Hall as the Purple team goes for a fifth straight victory.

Winners will be named tomorrow night.

The Falcon now shows films for youngsters on Saturdays and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. Admission is \$1.

Mr. Alan Montgomery, theatre manager, recently supervised its repainting and cleaning.

Hats not on the rack, distract



Organization steps forward

MHS's local chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes deserves a commendation for their recent change in policy by allowing girls to join the group.

In this day of women's liberation, many may view this as a step ahead for the females at Montevallo. It can, however, be regarded as a move forward for the entire student body.

This group, headed by Coach Richard Gilliam, now offers an excellent opportunity for all students at MHS to grow spiritually together.

Lincoln provides freedom

Abraham Lincoln, born Feb. 12, 1809, was the first U.S. president to work toward the freeing of slaves. On September 17, 1862, he issued the statement saying that all slaves in rebelling states would be free.

A final proclamation was issued on Jan. 1 freeing all slaves. It is fitting that during February, Black American History Month, we remember people like Abraham Lincoln who worked so hard for what they believed.

Support needed

The Area 7 Basketball Tournament, which begins Feb. 20, will be one of the toughest challenges the Bulldogs will have to face this year.

MHSers need to support the team by attending the games in this crucial step toward STATE.

Headgear rule gets confusing

Anyone can walk down the halls at MHS, peer into various classrooms and see countless numbers of students wearing hats or caps.

Although there are a few teachers who have no problem with students and headwear, there are some who do -- some who must ask pupils to remove the caps, some who only enforce the no-hat rule for males, and some who let everyone keep on their outdoor wear in the classroom.

What's to be done about this policy?

According to Principal W. C. Corbett the dress code which says "no hats in the building" is meant for all MHSers--both female and male.

Also, all teachers should be consistent. Some students have become confused since their teachers don't uphold the code while others ask them to remove their caps in the hall.

Either the rule should be dropped or all faculty should get together on this regulation so everyone is treated the same.

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Juniors select prom date

April 29 is the date set for the junior-senior prom. The dance will be held at the Quality Inn South on Green Springs Highway in Homewood with Avery Richardson providing the music.

"Since we are short on funds, the 11th graders will pay \$2 a couple to help cover costs, but the seniors will be guests of the junior class as is traditional," explains junior class sponsor Cathy Bearden.

After viewing construction of Quality Inn's ballroom, vice president Kevin Hughes comments, "It will be really big and should be fine for our prom."

Problem arises in agribusiness

Agribusiness students at MHS have been without a full-time instructor since Jan. 13 when teacher Tim Wiggins resigned.

Last week MHS part-time vocational ag instructor Charles Kidd took over the classes.

Special ed changes

Mr. Kidd's regular students now go to special education sections. This temporary arrangement has also affected Thompson High School where Mr. Kidd was teaching in the afternoons.

No teachers

Principal W. C. Corbett and Superintendent Elvin Hill report they have made many out-of-state phone calls trying to secure a teacher since none are available in Alabama.

"We may have to wait until Auburn graduates some students in March to get a person qualified in agribusiness," Mr. Corbett says.

4 will attend Engineering Day

MHSers Barry Kornegay, Chuck Reynolds, Glenn Anthony, and Kevin Hughes will visit Auburn University Feb. 24 to participate in the college's annual "Engineering Day" Open House.

High school and junior college students from across the state are invited to tour the university's school of engineering and to observe its classroom activities and research laboratories.

Tours of the main campus will be offered to interested students during the lunch hour.

Visitors will be invited to view several contests held for engineering students at 1:00 p.m.

Housing students take field trip

Students in Mrs. Junnie Craig's advanced housing class recently toured Greenbriar furniture store in Vestavia.

Prior to the field trip the students studied common furniture designs and terminology. They also studied the criteria for evaluating the quality of furniture.

"The purpose of the trip was for the students to see the furniture and examine its construction and to have an opportunity to apply what they had learned to a real life situation," explains student teacher Jennifer Bartlett.

VICA offers sweets

The Vocational Industrial Clubs of America group at the Shelby County Area Vocational Center is selling Betty Benson candies.

Profits will be used to send VICA officers and other representatives to the District Skilled Trades Contest in Childersburg on Mar. 23. District winners advance to state competition in Birmingham.

12th graders may go to Six Flags

Senior class officers are checking the possibility of the class's attending Six Flags over Georgia's Senior Night May 12.

"After talking with many seniors, I think our chances of going are pretty good. We've sent for ticket order forms and expect them to arrive any day," comments class president Darrell Lawley. Teachers George Lilly, Douglas Morris, and Ann Parker are class sponsors.

Skateboards are back

by Greg Hardin

"Mama, please, all I need is \$55. It's a real good one too. It's a Hobie Park Rider with ACS 500 trucks on OJ Hot Juice Wheels."

Skate boards, a big fad from the '60's have come rolling back with comments like the one above being heard more and more frequently by MHSers and students throughout the nation.

Why do people ride skate boards? To many it offers a challenge, while to others it's a "band wagon" effect --everybody else does it, so why not me?

For people who really enjoy the thrill of zooming along on the small boards, several parks designed strictly for skateboarders have opened recently in Birmingham.

These parks feature such attractions as a pro-bowl, a snake run, and a free style area.

Sophomore Clay Fowler reports that one can easily work on such tricks as 360's, Endovers, 180's, and Kick-Flips at these parks.

Even though Clay enjoys the unusual sport, he issues a word of warning to those just beginning to "ride." "Everyone needs to have the proper safety equipment such as helmets, pads, and gloves," he says.

"My helmet has already saved me from a possible concussion," Clay adds.

Valentine's day is

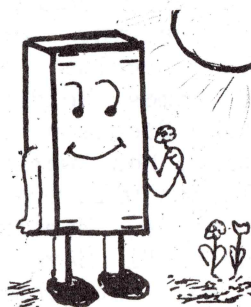
- ...Eating candy
 - ...Surprising others
 - ...Receiving cards
 - ...Showing you care
 - ...Laughing with sisters
 - ...Joking with brothers
 - ...Caring about others
 - ...Sending sentimental notes
 - ...Being with someone special.
- (Michelle Agee)

BIRDS SET LOVE DAY

VALENTINE became a day for "lovebirds" due to a Medieval belief that birds mated on Feb. 14.

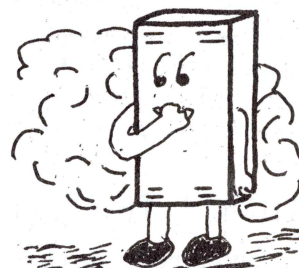
Locker Laughs...

Best and worst are free



Brighten up
A cloudy day
With love you
Have to spare;

Send someone
A valentine
To show how
Much you care.



In 4th period economics, teacher George Lilly asked his students to list some things in town that were free. When the class named air, trees, scenery, etc., senior Rudolph Reed added, "And pollution."

In the same class, senior Cathy Belisle was walking around the room when Mr. Lilly told her to take a seat. Cathy quipped, "Well, okay. Where do you want me to take it to?"

Senior Marla Jones was attempting to write her SPOTLIGHT story. After

several false starts she told teacher Cathy Bearden that the words just weren't "hitting" her.

Mrs. Bearden jokingly replied, "I'm sure glad they aren't jumping up and slapping you."

During a psychology class discussion on hypnosis, senior Tamee Davis asked, "What if we found out we were reincarnated?"

Classmate Iris Smitherman thoughtfully answered, "I don't know; but if you started going 'moo,' then you'd know!"



AT HIS BEST

Clay Fowler does his thing on a 4' skateboard ramp.

Tests too expensive--

Abex hosts chemistry pupils

"Electric arc furnaces, chemicals, hot steel, sand and graphite molds are the main ingredients of casting train wheels at Abex," explained Abex work's manager Larry Belluchie.

His explanation was directed to members of teacher Jim Hermecz's chemistry class last Tuesday when they toured the plant.

Departmental heads gave short lectures on what goes on in their areas.

The group also visited the chemistry lab where steel is tested for certain chemical properties by a spectrometer.

"I think the class got more out of the tour than just the chemistry involved," states Mr. Hermecz. They were also able to see what working conditions are like in a foundry."

Worker recovers

Lunchroom manager, Gwen Mitchell, is now home recuperating after a lengthy stay in Caraway Methodist Hospital. She plans to return to school next week.

Groundhog Phil sees shadow; hides

by Emily Steele

The news is out; and Punxsutawney Ground Hog Club reports that King Phil, the official groundhog from Punxsutawney, Pa., came out, saw his shadow, and returned to his hole. According to tradition, the nation is now in for six more weeks of winter's raging cold.

It's too bad that residents of the Montevallo area have to rely on the official groundhog since most of the day here was cloudy and not a shadow was seen by local groundhogs, which would indicate that spring is on its way.

CAT dropped from program

For many years sophomores all over the country have taken the California Achievement Test. This will not be true this year at MHS. With a unanimous decision last fall, the Shelby County principals voted not to have pupils tested again this year.

Principal W. C. Corbett explains that the problem with the exam was that the expense of the test was greater than the benefits gained. He adds that any school who wishes may still administer the CAT, but he explains that funds must come from the school rather than the county.

Class studies unit on black heritage

This is Black Heritage Month, which has been set aside to honor achievements made by members of the black race.

To call attention to this month teacher Jennifer Jones is having her English class recite a portion of James Weldon Johnson's "The Creation."

In addition, her world studies classes will present part of Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream." Also, students are doing research on the life and accomplishment of a famous black American. Findings will be reported to the class.

Guidance counselor Frances Anthony states that at MHS the scores have always been made available to teachers, students, and parents, and used in advising pupils as they plan for coming years.

She adds that "instead of using the money that normally goes for the California Achievement Test, it has already been used for Career Information Kits."

Paula Nix wins

twirling titles

Sophomore Paula Nix added nine more trophies to her already abundant supply as she participated in a baton twirling competition Jan. 28.

In addition to winning two 1st, five 2nd, and one 3rd place trophies, she was named Miss January Twirling Princess for ages 15-20 years old. The title included all aspects of modeling, marching, and routine competition.

The annual event, held in Calera, is sponsored by Mrs. Minnie Coggins, a former feature twirler at Troy University.

Math class 'goes' to town

by Emily Steele

Instead of the usual pencil in hand, book on desk, and teacher in front of the room, Mr. Doug Morris's general math class now carries on routine financial transactions daily.

The class is set up somewhat like a small town, consisting of six stores of which each pupil is a member. Each day as the students begin class, they are given activity cards telling them what to do.

Payday comes too

The mathematicians operate Morris's Variety Store, U-Name-It Hamburgers, Gilliam's Drug Store, MHS Insurance Company, and Corbett's Food Center, all of which have an account at Merchants and Planters Bank. Every student is paid wages from one of the businesses and has his personal account.

According to Mr. Morris students learn the basic operations of multiplication, division, addition, and subtraction with whole numbers and decimals by writing checks, balancing check books and business accounts, and making bank statements.

Deposit money

They also work with percentages and learn to make deposit tickets and change correctly while gaining a basic understanding of how business works.

Money used was drawn by junior Walter Gottier. It has pictures of MHS faculty members on it. Paper coins are also used.

Mr. Morris seems to think his "new-fangled" class is interesting to most of the students. He "came up with the idea" while taking a class at the University of Montevallo.

Freshman Christine Cutts, a member of the class, smiles, "It's fun, and I think it helps me to make a better grade."



Class prepares

Seniors in Mrs. Frances Anthony's college preparatory English class are going to the UM library today for orientation.

The purpose of the trip is to acquaint the students with the facilities so they will have access to the larger library for writing term papers.

The group will soon begin writing their papers which should help ready them for work in higher education according to Mrs. Anthony.

In psychology class--

Students undergo hypnosis

"I couldn't believe it! I really couldn't open my hand," exclaimed junior Janet Hicks after being hypnotized by Mr. Fannin Yater Tant of the Motivation and Hypnosis Center in Birmingham.

Mr. Tant suggested to Janet that while under deep hypnosis she would not be able to open her hand after closing her fist. She testifies that that's exactly what happened.

Janet's experience was part of Mr. Tant's demonstration in Mrs. Frances Anthony's psychology class.

Artists seek facts for art appreciation

MHS artists under instructor Ann Parker are researching the personal lives and paintings of such artists as Cezanne, Winslow Homer, Matisse, Michealangelo, Leonardo de Vinci, and Rembrandt.

"I'd like for the students to begin appreciating art itself and stop taking it for granted," Mrs. Parker says.

The speaker talked to the group about the uses of hypnosis in society today. Among these were natural childbirth, capturing criminals, and breaking habits such as smoking and drinking.

Mr. Tant mildly hypnotized all the class and then took five students, including Janet, into an even deeper sleep.

The visit finalized a unit on hypnotism. "I think the hour was a very worthwhile experience," Mrs. Anthony explains.



Shelby, Vincent fall--

Bulldogs get 2 county wins

by Kevin Hughes

Montevallo remained unbeaten against county basketball teams by defeating Shelby County 50-39 in a game played here Jan. 27 and topping Vincent there last Friday night, 57-41.

Bulldogs Earl Hayes and Terrence Chappel. paced the Bulldog squad with 12 and 11 points respectively in the Shelby game. Henry Chapman was high point man for the Wildcats with 20.

Senior Terry McCarey had several steals in the second half that led to Bulldog points.

Junior Kenneth Bell hit 21 points as he sparked the 'Dogs to victory over the Yellowjackets.

Montevallo took an early lead and never lost it as good shooting by Bell, McCarey, and Tolbert proved too much for the 'Jackets.

The two wins boosted MHS's record to 16-5 and gave the 'Dogs a perfect slate in county play.

Rams race past 'Dogs

Francis Marion's Rams exploded for 58 points in the second half to defeat Montevallo 84-71 at Marion Jan. 31.

Ahead by six points at halftime, the Bulldogs saw their lead quickly consumed at the opening of the third period as Eddie Mims and Earl Henderson came alive for the Rams.

Mims finished with 30 points and Henderson, 29, after their spectacular third and fourth quarter performances.

Terrence Chappell led MHS scoring with 22 points. Earl Hayes added 16.

Future team works

Girls PE teacher Dot Bishop is working with girls from Montevallo Middle School who are interested in trying out for MHS's volleyball team next year.

"The group practices every Wednesday to increase their skills and plays a game every Monday night," Miss Bishop says.

Bulldog Growls--

Boosters get salute

by Chuck Reynolds

Two unsung heroes of Montevallo High receive little if any recognition for work they do here.



They are Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Jones, principal and secretary of Montevallo Middle School and parents of MHSers Nan and Bret.

Jimmy and Jane Jones are loyal backers of athletics at Montevallo. They are members of the Boosters Club and do far more than their share of the service of this group.

In addition, Mrs. Jones is cheerleader sponsor. She works hard with this group, especially in aiding them in earning money for their clinic trips each summer to Tennessee.

This exceptional couple also provides transportation for MHS's cheerleaders to many athletic events.

A well deserved salute of appreciation goes to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Jones, top-notch boosters, top-notch people!

Cooches plan meet

Preliminary planning is underway for the Shelby County weightlifting contest after county coaches voted to hold the event again this year.

However, no definite plans have been made according to Coach Richard Gilliam.

State records posted in gym

Montevallo Athletic Boosters recently contracted Ronnie McCarey, brother of MHSer Terry, for artwork to be displayed in the gym. McCarey painted two signs recognizing MHS's champion basketball teams of 1973 and 1974 and a third sign in the shape of Alabama erected to honor all Bulldogs for the past seven years. The sign shows that MHS has been to state these years and has earned no lower than a 3rd place trophy.

Tournament time is here--

Bulldogs head for showdown

IT'S HERE! It all comes down to one week of Area 7 basketball play. Records can be thrown away, for when Feb. 20-24's tournament is over, there will be only one team to represent the area in a try for State.

The top squad going into the tournament is Francis Marion of Perry County. Montevallo is seeded second; Talladega County Training School and Winterboro are third and fourth respectively.

First round--Feb. 20

In the first round of play, Marion takes on Indian Springs Feb. 20 at 6:30. while West Blocton squares off with TCTS at 8:00. On Tuesday night, Chelsea and Winterboro play at 6:30, and the Bulldogs of Montevallo make their first appearance against Vincent at 8:00.

Area 7's winner plays Saturday night, Feb. 25, at Ashville for the Regional title and the right to go to the state meet.

MHS is host

Montevallo will host the area meet for the fourth straight year.

The Bulldogs have been area winners for the past seven years, hosting the tournament six of these years. West Blocton was host team in 1974.

MHS has also gone on to be region champ and state representative for six straight years. At State the Bulldogs have earned no lower than third place, bringing home the title in 1974 and 1975.

Seniors will paint

Tentative plans have been made for the gym to receive a coat of paint.

According to president Darrell Lawley, the Class of '78 has offered to give their time to paint the gym as a gift from the senior class, after some necessary repair work has been done to the structure.

Athletes shape up

Members of the football team have begun a weight-lifting program which requires them to work out Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays during their physical classes.

Coach George Lilly supervises one group after school three days a week. "The purpose of the program is to get the players in shape so they can do a better job," Mr. Lilly explains.

School watches girls win

THE STUDENT BODY TURNED OUT last Thursday to watch the female Bulldogs down the Thompson High female squad 23-18.

Valerie Anderson led the MHSers to victory, dumping in 17 points. Teammate Vanessa Cottingham praises, "Valerie is a real asset to the team with her ability to shoot and score so well. Without her, I don't know how we could have gotten any points against the squaws."

The 'Dogs made the first point of the game and never fell behind their archrivals from Alabaster.

During the heated contest there was an exceptionally large number of fouls by both squads. "This was probably due to lack of experience by both teams since this is the first year either school has had a girls' team," says MHS coach Dot Bishop.

Although their regular season closed Tuesday with a loss to Bibb County, the Bulldogs were scheduled to play Marion last night in the first game of the Area 7 Girls Tournament at Marion.

The final round of the tourney which pits the MHS-Marion winner against the Chelsea-Talladega County Training School winner tonight at 7:30 at Marion.

Bibb takes

overtime victory

Bibb County edged MHS 70-65 here Tuesday in overtime.

Down by 10 points at halftime, the Bulldogs saw the Choctaws build the lead to 18 before their third quarter comeback.

When the regular game ended, the score was tied at 60. In a three-minute overtime, Bibb outscored MHS 10-5 to take the win.

Larry James canned 38 points for the Bibb crew; Kenneth Bell was Montevallo's best with 23.

Typists train on school jobs

Typing II class members have become "secretaries." Each student provides secretarial help to some member of the faculty.

According to typing teacher Susie Dement the purpose of the activity is to give students some actual experience on the job and teach responsibility for doing acceptable work.

She adds that the group is becoming familiar with different office machines and various jobs similar to those encountered by secretaries.

Junior Rene Davis who serves as secretary for the administrative office says, "I think it is a good program.

"It gives us a chance to use the skills we've learned in practical ways."

Sign language class works at church--

Beth, Kathy continue service

"I'm proud of the class and feel we've gotten a lot accomplished," says junior Beth Rochester, one of the sign language teachers at University Baptist Church. According to Beth the class has been learning sign language since Sept. 11.

Last Sunday night the class interpreted a hymn for the church and had a singer for the benefit of those who hear. Another teacher junior Kathy Crowe says, "They have been learning basic signs but now will be working on technique and fluency."

The class will continue until the middle of May according to the teachers, and during the summer an intermediate class will start for this year's beginners.

MHSers who are members of the class are sophomores Debbie Sutton and Genea Abbott and junior Marla Abbott. Debbie reports, "I've learned a lot and I like taking sign language."

Stage band has valentine date

"The stage band is always looking for an opportunity to perform. This will give us an opportunity not only to perform, but also to be of service to the community," says band director James Weese of the stage band's performance scheduled for Valentine's Day at Briarcliff Nursing Home in Alabaster.

The band will provide music for dinner entertainment and after-dinner dancing for the residents.

The group presented a concert at Briarcliff and were asked by Mrs. Marilyn Hayes, director of social activities, to return for dinner next week.

Pianist Mark Baker comments, "I'm looking forward to performing. All of the residents are receptive and really seem to enjoy the music."

Teenagers may apply now--

Camps need summer helpers

MHSers may find looking for a job much easier this summer according to the Summer Job Research Analyst for the National Opportunity Research Program.

Several hundred private camps throughout the nation will be seeking summer employees in such varied areas as swimming, music, counseling, etc. National parks also offer opportunities for employment, some hiring as many as 3,000 summer personnel, most of which are to be students.

Those students who desire additional information can receive a free brochure by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

Opportunity Research
Student Assistant Div.
P.O. Box 730
Coeur d' Alene, ID
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Former MHSer wins

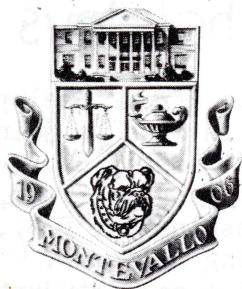
Jan Corbett, a '76, MHS graduate, was crowned homecoming queen at Walker College last week.

Jan, who is a member of the band, College Singer, and cheerleader, was elected by a majority vote of the student body.

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Holidays draw near

Next Thursday, Mar. 2, students will enjoy a half holiday while teachers attend in-service meetings in Columbiana. Classes will be dismissed at 11:30.

Then during the week of Mar. 13 - 17, MHS will be closed for spring holidays and AEA.

Math team looks to Samford tourney

TOMORROW MHS's MATH TEAM will compete in the Samford Invitational Mathematics Tournament at Samford University.

Glenn Anthony, Greg Hardin, Chuck Reynolds, and Emily Steele will represent Montevallo in the competition.

Selma in March

Then on Mar. 6 the team will enter the Selma Invitational, competing in the 3A-4A class at George Corley Wallace Junior College. This tournament allows each school to enter three teams. Each squad will be made up of one Algebra I, one Algebra II, one geometry, and one advanced math student.

MHS's top group will be Tod Austin, Genea Abbott, Glenn Anthony, and Chuck Reynolds, respectively.

Advisor praises

Math team advisor Doug Morris says, "We have the potentation, but whether we realize it or not is another thing."

Mr. Morris adds that he is pleased that Algebra I students will be able to compete in some tournaments this year which has not been true in the past.

The math club members from which the teams are made will also participate in two more tournaments and tour the rocket center in Huntsville later this year.



QUIET! BRAINS AT WORK!

MHS math team members (l-r) Emily Steele, Glenn Anthony, and Greg Hardin prepare for Samford math tournament.

In music competition--

2 earn All-State rating

Two MHSers recently made All-State Band at the annual contest at Tarrant. Senior Mary Jane Wyatt, junior Shawn Spicer, and sophomore John Owens attended the try-outs Feb. 11. Mary Jane and Shawn both rate as members of one of the State Bands, while John was selected first alternate.

Mary Jane and Shawn will play in a special concert with the All-State group when it performs at Auburn University next month.

"I'm very proud for Mary Jane since she has made All-State every year she has tried, which is four times. Also, Shawn is to be commended for coming in first in his section in the district for Jefferson, Shelby, and St. Clair Counties," praises band director Jim Weese.

Troubadours face big test

The Troubadours will attend district competition at Shades Valley High School next week. If the band receives an overall "one" grading, they will then compete at the University of Alabama for state ratings.

The band has been preparing for several months, which includes extra practices after school. Tunes which the Troubadours will be playing are Apokryphos by Mike Leckrone, First Movement from Symphony in B Minor by Franz Schubert, and Golden Jubilee March by John Philip Sousa.

In addition to receiving a score on how well they played the above pieces, they will also be given a grade on sight reading.

Last year the band received "superior" at district and earned a No. 1 rating at state also.

The group will play for the judges either Friday or Saturday. Director Jim Weese says they should receive the date and time early next week.

Tolbert rates high in beauty contest

Senior Angela Tolbert had a special weekend Feb. 18-18.

She was named first runner up in the Miss Shelby County Beauty Pageant last Saturday at the University of Montevallo and was honored by Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Wilton for devoting over a year's service as musician.

Miss Julie Houston, Miss Alabama, was emcee for the pageant; Mary Holstead of Pelham, a student of Jacksonville State, was crowned Miss Shelby County.

Angela won a one year scholarship to UM and the choice of \$500 in cash or a modeling scholarship at Sylvia's Modeling School.

Mr. and Mrs. James Tolbert of Montevallo are Angela's parents.

Walk-a-thon set

The 1978 March of Dimes Walk-a-thon has been tentatively set for Apr. 1. The program will be open to all students in Shelby County high schools.

Juniors Rene Davis and Karen Morris will serve as MHS's chairman and assistant for the event.

It's News Downtown--

It was a GV at College Night

UM's College Night came to an exciting finish as the Gold production won first place for the first time in four years.

MHS's phys ed teacher Dot Bishop's dog, Mr. Spock, starred in the winning play.

The Centrala Garden Club will hold its annual Arts-Craft and Trade Day April 1 in downtown Montevallo. The fair will feature work of 50 artists and craftsmen from all over the state.

Anyone interested may write for an application

Washington trip set for holidays

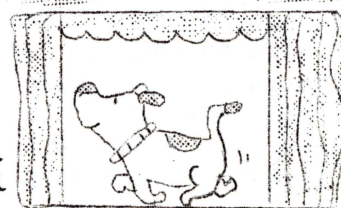
Students from Shelby County are invited to join the Shelby County Educational Citizenship Tour, 1978, to Washington, D.C., during spring holidays.

The price per student is \$220 for meals, accommodations and transportation by Greyhound.

Students will visit such sites as the Lincoln Memorial, Smithsonian Institute, FBI Building, U.S. Capitol, and Arlington Cemetery.

The group, which is to be chaperoned by teachers, will leave from Thompson School at 4 p.m., Mar. 12.

For further information anyone interested may contact Mr. Carlton Reese at Thompson Middle School.



from the Centrala Garden Club, P.O. Box 1066, Montevallo, AL 35115.

The Home Style Laundry Mat opened last Wednesday in Vallo Plaza.

More than a self-service establishment, the new convenience features a special drop-off service where they will wash clothes left by the customer.

The business, owned by Janmer Investments, Inc., contains 24 washers and dryers, a pin-ball machine, and vending machines.

Cost to wash is 35¢; to dry, 35¢.

A moment of their own...



MHS wants break, too

After contacting high schools throughout the county, it was discovered that breaks are a common thing among all except Montevallo and Pelham.

Chelsea enjoys a break of 25 minutes, while Calera has one for 15 minutes. Shelby County High and Vincent have 10 minute breaks. Thompson's schedule does not include a break, yet they have a one-hour lunch period, giving them a considerable amount of free time.

Montevallo Middle School has a morning milk break of 10 minutes, allowing a little leisure time. Vocational students are given a 15-minute break as well.

As mentioned before in SPOTLIGHT, fifth and sixth periods are five minutes longer than the regular one-hour classes.

Five minutes could easily be taken from each to create a break of 10 minutes after lunch.

Since the previously requested break has not been granted as of yet, trying out a break after lunch would be a good way to begin the new six weeks.

Make up days cause problems

THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION recently declared that seniors must have the opportunity to make up those days of school which were missed in January due to the weather. However, May 25, the scheduled date for commencement, will remain the same.

This left only two choices--to attend school on two Saturdays or take two days off the spring holidays.

The State Board doesn't realize that these choices put many students in a bind. Many MHSers have Saturday jobs and others have planned work or trips during the spring break.

Before the make-up days are set, I suggest that a better alternative would be to lengthen school days until the time could be made up. After all, wouldn't it be better to inconvenience people for an hour a day for twelve days than to make them lose two whole work days?

Nunnelley praises seniors

Principal W.C. Corbett received a very complimentary letter from Student Personnel Officer Pap Morris at Nunnelley State Technical College, following the recent visit of MHS seniors.

Mr. Morris wrote:

...The entire group complimented the image of your school with their mannerly actions. I was very impressed with their behavior and attentiveness.

SPOTLIGHT compliments the seniors for this display of good conduct.

Pride shows

Behind the scenes work like that of those who decorated the gym for the area tournament shows pride for which MHS is known.

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Bible becomes text for seniors

Teacher Ann Parker's senior English classes are studying the King James Version of the Bible.

Lessons have included such readings as scripture on the Ideal Wife. Mrs. Parker then assigned each student to write about their own version of the ideal wife or ideal husband.

In addition groups have studied and compared various editions of the Bible like the "Good News" and the older editions.

"We discussed different translations of the Bible from the Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. They are especially looking at versions earlier than the King James," Mrs. Parker said.

They are now viewing the Bible as literature and reading various types of literary works found in the Bible like short stories, proverbs, parables, essays, love stories, and poetry.

In general math--

Student 'teachers' help others

Math teacher Jim Hermecz had designed a new program to assist students who have trouble in math. He hopes to develop the activity so each person will have individual help.

Those students who have trouble in general math are helped by more advanced math students on Tuesdays when they have no other club meeting. The goal of the program is to help students who have fallen behind reach the present level of the general math class.

According to Mr. Hermecz the program should serve as a review for the helpers and "catch up" those who are behind. "I think the program will be beneficial not only to those being helped, but to the helpers. If it is successful, I hope to expand it next year," Mr. Hermecz says. There are presently 12 students participating.

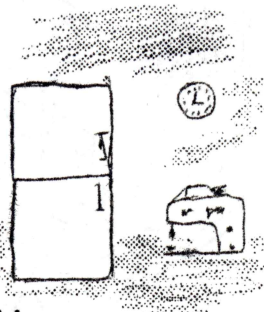
Home ec equipment arrives

Six sewing machines, two ranges, a refrigerator, one washer and one dryer have given the home economics department a new look.

Three of the machines, at a cost of approximately \$600 each, were bought with money from the home ec fund according to home ec teacher Junnie Craig. The others were purchased by Shelby County Board of Education.

The other appliances were furnished by Alabama Power, who annually replaces the oldest equipment with new.

"The new devices enable the girls to work better, and at the same time they learn to operate modern models," Mrs. Craig says.



Rings to arrive

On Mar. 9 Josten Ring Company will deliver class rings to the juniors which they ordered Oct. 12.

Lists are posted in the junior homerooms indicating the amount still due on each ring. Juniors are asked to have the correct change ready.

Sophomores tour vocational campus

As an introduction to career units scheduled for English classes, sophomores visited the Shelby County Area Vocational Center on Feb. 9 to view classes and courses offered. Students toured the campus to discover possible areas of interest.

According to Vocational Center counselor Jimmy Bice 64 tenth graders showed an interest in revisiting the Center.

Returning students will be allowed to sit in two classes they want to learn more about.

The second trip will probably be in late March Mr. Bice says.

It's a Wiggins boy

Former ag teacher Tim Wiggins, who resigned at the end of first semester, is now a daddy. His wife Dana gave birth to a 7 lb. 9 oz. baby boy Feb. 1, 1978.

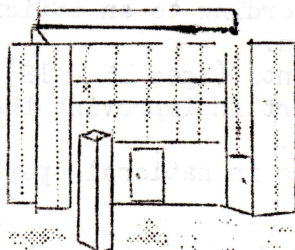
Kaylon Alvin Wiggins and his parents now reside in Auburn, Ala., where Mr. Wiggins is self employed.

Solar heat warms local home

by Karen Morris

Solar energy may seem a thing of the future; but for some in the Montevallo community, solar energy is already part of everyday life.

Mr. Doug Morris, MHS math teacher, has recently installed a solar heating system at the home of Mr. Terry Arnold, an engineer for Alabama Power. Senior Mike Beers and juniors David Lash and Scobie Wilcoxon helped Mr. Morris with the construction.



The system, which Mr. Arnold designed himself, keeps his home at an average of 70° on sunny days and is also capable of heating water

Just in case!

Although Mr. Arnold reports the unit works well, an auxiliary source is available to heat his home on days when there is no sun.

Mr. Arnold adds, "The system is an experiment to see what can be done toward solar heating with low-cost materials."

Another innovative idea is the hydraulic system which freshman Dawn Goggins's family uses. This system gets its energy from a fireplace and circulated water. Dawn says the hydraulic system saves the family from \$40 to \$50 per month on utility bills.

Office in Montevallo

In addition, Alabama Power is now completing a solar heated office building in Montevallo.

The building, located on Main Street, should be opening this spring. It will be the first such office in Montevallo, and it will be a daily reminder that solar energy is "now" as well as "the future."

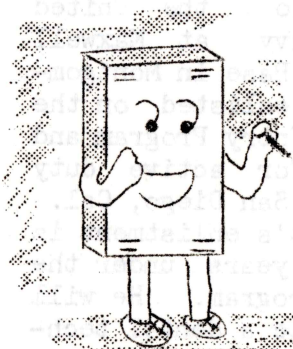
Phoenix rolls in

First semester drivers ed students aren't the only ones who get to learn to drive in a new car. This became evident when the second semester pupils watched a new red Phoenix, furnished by Leach Pontiac, arrive at MHS.

According to drivers ed instructor Charles Martin Leach plans to furnish a car every semester for the classes.

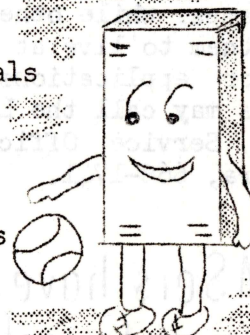
Locker Laughs---

Student discussion draws pun



The area tourney
Is underway
With only the finals
Left to play.

Fans look on
As players score,
And there's always
a line
To make 'em roar!



When discussing how the lead guitarist of the group "Chicago" accidentally shot himself, junior Monique VanLandingham explained that the man had been drinking.

After reflecting on this a while, her classmate Kathy Crowe quipped, "They both must have been loaded."

In 6th period English Mrs. Barbara Belisle asked the class, "What is a fall-out shelter?"

"A place where people fall out," junior Donna Salter answered.

Senior Iris Smitherman was talking about the trip

to Nunnally State with her classmate Kathy Glosson.

"How many seats can the bus hold?" Iris asked.

Junior Gail Hill looked at Tamme Davis and commented, "Tamme, you look good for some strange reason."

Senior Iris Smitherman quickly said, "She's sick!"

While the two were working on the SPOTLIGHT, co-sponsor Susie DeMent told Greg Hardin to "get a dummy sheet."

Greg complied with the glib comment, "Well, what do you know? They have finally named something after me!"

For students in county--

Summer jobs are available

Numerous students from Shelby County who apply for summer jobs with the Youth Conservation Corps will be accepted for the positions according to an official at the employment office in Calera.

The program provides students (ages 15 - 18) the opportunity to take an active part in improving the quality of the natural environment.

Those hired will be working in national parks, national forests, state parks, and other public land and water areas of the nation.

Projects the teenagers will be working on include building trails, maintaining fences, cleaning up campgrounds, thinning timber stands, and improving wildlife habitat.

Pay will be for 30 hours each week. Some positions call for students to live in camps, while others allow them to live at home.

For applications, students may call the Employment Service Office in Calera, 668-1741.

MMSers have popcorn for sale

Montevallo Middle School has a drive underway to purchase additional air-conditioning units for the school. Students, selling boxes of four individual packs of popcorn, call the project Funds-a-Poppin.

Cost is \$1.50 per box.

In addition, MMSers may purchase crackers to go with their milk at break.

This month MMS is conducting class Spelling Bees. Class winners will compete against each other and final winners will participate in the Shelby County Spelling Bee.

It's anchors 'away' for Albert Jones

Join the Navy and see the world. That's what senior Albert Jones plans to do.

Last month Albert was sworn into the United States Navy at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery. He enlisted on the Delayed Entry Program and reports for active duty Aug. 3 in San Diego, Cal.

Albert's enlistment is for five years under the medical program. He will study to be a dental technician.

The Navy will enable him to get an education and earn a salary at the same time.

"I plan to stick with the Navy so I can become an officer," Albert says.

Class eats, 'gets down' at party

Last week the senior class got together for a party at the University of Montevallo. The seniors danced, listened to popular music, and filled themselves on roasted hot dogs, potato chips, cookies, and Pam Henley's cake.

"I think a lot of people had a good time together, and we are hoping to get in at least two or three more activities before graduation," class president Darrell Lawley says.

On college choice--

Senior guest gives advice

MHS seniors are one step closer to deciding which colleges they will choose after hearing Mr. Larry Peevy, assistant director of admissions and records at the University of Montevallo last Thursday.

Mr. Peevy talked to economics classes about choosing the right colleges by looking for a list of important considerations which he cited.

He also gave seniors information about UM's program and suggested they attend one of the Saturday 10 a.m. sessions which are designed for 12th graders to learn more about the university.

To study the possibilities of attending a trade school for further education, the seniors visited Nunnally State Technical School last Thursday.

Mr. Cap Morris who led the tour explained that the school provides training in various areas including mechanics, drawing, and cosmetology.

Transportation for the visit and lunch were provided by Nunnally School.



Cooking class

hosts buffet meal

Relatives of the students and several faculty members were guests at a buffet luncheon given by the 4th period home ec class yesterday. Teachers Rose Ellen Hankins and student teacher Jennifer Bartlett supervised.

One guest teacher Susie DeMent comments, "I enjoyed the 'party,' and I think this is a good way to teach the girls to entertain in their own homes."

Students help write script--

Principal broadcasts review

Montevallo High School came over the air waves on WBYE radio station last Thursday.

Principal W.C. Corbett recorded a presentation of the school which was played at 9:15 a.m. and again at 4:15 p.m. by the Calera Station. The review of MHS was a joint effort written by journalism II students and Mr. Corbett.

The broadcast came a day earlier than scheduled because other schools didn't meet their deadlines and MHS's tape was ready.

MHS students got a chance to hear the recording over the intercom system during second period when the program was aired.

The next broadcast will be Mar. 17 at the same time.

In specialized class--

Home ec pupils do own thing

Mrs. Junnie Craig's specialized home ec class has been working on individual projects since school began. The girls are constructing garments for themselves or for members of their family. They also completed projects on macrame, quilts, and rugs.

According to Mrs. Craig they will be working in the food lab in approximately two weeks. The class will prepare foods they like and want to learn about.

"I like doing what we want to do rather than all doing the same thing," senior Jackie Harrell says about this individual project type learning.

After half day at school--

10 SCAVCers work half days

TEN STUDENTS FROM MHS are on the VIP program sponsored by the Shelby County Area Vocational Center.

Seniors Lynn Alexander, Paulette Alexander, Bill Allen, Donald Joe Brantley, Loyd Brasher, Ronnie Clark, Debbie Cottingham, Jonnie Devinner, Cynthia Moore, and Bennie Stephens go to school for half a day at MHS and then go to work at jobs that correspond to their occupational studies at the Center.

The Vocational Intern Placement program is under the direction of Mr. Dan Acker, coordinator at the AVC. He is also in charge of finding jobs for those students who have completed at least a year

and a half of training at SCAVC.

Under the VIP program, Bill Allen, who studies chef training at the Center, aids lunchroom workers first and third periods each day.

He helps prepare the food but does no major cooking. "I enjoy working over here, and it's not difficult to work with the people around me," Bill says.

Junior Billy Hughes is also on a placement program through the agribusiness class, and senior Greg Lawley is on the Co-op program from the SCAVC.

Directors form

Brass Knights group

Four Shelby County band directors have formed the combo, The Brass Knights.

MHS director Jim Weese, Calera's Wayne Matthews, Thompson's Elton Hood and Tim Anderson play popular, jazz, and rock music as members of the group.

"We are still organizing, but we hope to play at some of the country clubs in this area," Mr. Weese says.

The combo, originally formed in 1976, disbanded due to lack of places to perform.

Anyone for volleyball?

by Vicki Crowson

Monday night is ladies night at Montevallo Middle School; that's when a volleyball league, re-organized in January, holds fort. The league consists of four teams and includes women of all ages and sizes.

"Anybody who wants to play and has a team can play " says MHS Coach Dot Bishop, who is a member of the Sweat-hogs' team, along with MMS phys ed teacher, Liz Johnson.



Games begin at 6:00

Twelve MHSers and eight MMS girls also play in the Monday night games which begin at 6 p.m.

Several of the players keep the game "all in the family." Senior Jeanette Crowson and sister Vicki, a junior, join their Mom, Peggy, and an older sister, Gay-la, on the Little Angels squad.

Mom may be a winner

Freshman Debbie Cain also finds herself part of a family affair but in a different way. Her team, composed mainly of MMS students, sometimes plays the Sweathogs, of which her mother is a member.

"It doesn't bother me at all for my mother's team to beat us," Debbie grins.

The league started last fall at the high school gym with six teams but was disbanded temporarily by MHS's basketball season.

Achieve their goal--

B team reports winning reord

Last Friday night the Montevallo Bullpups ended the season with a loss to Thompson. Even though the B team lost its first and last games, the season was a winning one with 14 wins and 5 losses.

"The record tells what kind of team it really was," says Coach Richard Gilliam who was in charge. Coach adds that the team achieved its goal for the season by winning the county crown in B team competition.

Coach is also proud that two of his starters, Bret Jones and Mark Singh, moved up to the varsity level for the area tournament. These two, along with Derreck Stewart, were the team's leading scorers.

Mark was high point man with 145, while Derreck scored 138 and Bret 124.

The 'Pups hold a 6 - 3 county season record:

MHS		Opp..
34	Thompson	38
47	Shelby County	29
66	Chelsea	17
42	Thompson	37
45	Pelham	38
47	Vincent	13
52	Vincent	26
34	Thompson	38

Football games set for March

Friday, Mar. 31, will climax spring football drills when the Bulldogs play Calera and Chelsea in the annual Spring Jamboree at Calera High. The annual intra-squad game for MHS is set for Fisher Stadium, Mar. 24, during school hours.

"The teams will be divided as evenly as possible so it should be a great game," Coach Richard Gilliam says.

The junior varsity will also play at the end of training. These Bullpups (7th and 8th graders) are set to play in the junior jamboree at Calera also, Mar. 28.

Assisting junior varsity coach Bobby Sherrer with spring preparations is UM student Mike Wooley.

Baseball slides into picture

Baseball season gets underway Mar. 20 according to Coach Richard Gilliam.

A tentative schedule shows four games being termed as "definite."

"Our biggest holdup at present is scheduling our area games; we must plan the schedule around these, and the coaches have just not had time to get together," Coach explains.

Men involved in spring football who wish to play baseball will join the squad after the Mar. 31 Spring Jamboree at Calera.

Girls run for track

Any MHS girls interested in track should begin conditioning now. According to female track coach Dot Bishop several girls are already working out in the gym with stretching exercises and running.

"Regular after school practice will begin after spring break," Miss Bishop reports.

PE instructors plan class swap

Students in physical education will swap classes and teachers for a section of the fifth six weeks, which begins Monday.

The girls will have Coach Dot Bishop for gymnastics the first three weeks, while the boys are instructed by Coach Richard Gilliam in basketball.

After this three-week period, the classes will exchange activities and teachers.

"I feel this will be a rewarding experience," comments phys ed instructor Dot Boshop. "And I hope that it will help students realize that certain sports are not for just one sex."

Showdown ahead--

Area teams fight for crown

The Area 7 championship will be decided tonight with last night's semi-final winners competing for the crown. Tonight's champion will travel to Ashville tomorrow to meet the Area 8 winner in a battle that decides who will represent Region 4 at the state tournament next week.

Last night's semi-finals at MHS pitted Francis Marion and Winterboro in the first game and Montevallo against Talladega County Training School in an 8:30 match.

Marion runs away

Monday No. 1 seeded Francis Marion crushed winless Indian Springs 83-28. High point man for Marion and the game was Stacey Turner with 17.

Talladega County Training School and West Blocton's Tigers tangled immediately afterwards with TCTS dropping the Tigers 74-61. Blocton's Jeff Hubbard scored a whopping 32 points to lead all scoring thus far in the meet.

Signs spell 'Welcome'

Junior Walter Gottier, teacher Susie DeMent, and former MHSer Bobby Sherrer made signs to represent each school participating in the area tournament being held at MHS this week.

The eight banners which depict each school's mascot and colors adorn the walls of the gym. Two "welcome" signs also greet fans as they arrive.

Mr. Don Benton and Mr. Danny Goggins hung the art work.

Frankie Wells hit 26 for TCTS.

Winterboro wins

Winterboro defeated the Chelsea Hornets 81-66 in first-round competition on Tuesday.

Victor Wynn sparked the win with 20 for Winterboro.

MHS takes Vincent

Montevallo's turn came next with the 'Dogs hosting Vincent.

Behind the hot hands of Otto Fields who racked up 22 points, MHS took a 69-62 victory. Terence Chappell had 16, and Terry McCarey 12 for the winners.

Vincent's Earl Datcher kept the 'Jackets in the game with 22 points.

1st Round Scores

Area 7, 2A Tournament

Monday

Marion	83	Ind. Sp.	28
TCTS	74	Blocton	61

Tuesday

W'boro	81	Chelsea	66
MHS	69	Vincent	62

Finals start at 7:30.

Bulldog Grows--

In county competition--

Weight training lends lift to PE

by Chuck Reynolds

Weight training is an activity which receives little recognition.



Both male and female phys ed students at MHS have been involved in a type of strength or body building program this year. Coach Richard Gilliam has headed these programs that help build muscle, determination, and confidence.

Coach Gilliam says, "Our football players are encouraged to work hard with the weights. The workout can help muscles mature two years before nature would normally have them develop."

Coach Gilliam began a weightlifting team at MHS last year and plans to continue it again this season.

The team consists of six members and as many alternates as want to participate. Team members work hard on the bench press. This is the only area of training in which weightlifters compete.

Tournament judging is based on how much a contestant presses in comparison to his body weight.

Hornets put sting on Bulldogs

Dallas County's Hornets took an early lead and remained on top as they defeated MHS at Plantersville 65-52 on Feb. 10. James Oliver sparked the winners with 22 points.

Terence Chappell with 14 points was the Bulldog leader, while Bret Jones, up from the B team and in the game only six minutes, popped 11.

The loss dropped the Bulldogs' record to 17-7.

Dogs sport spotless record

Wins over Thompson and Vincent last week boosted Montevallo's basketball record to 19-7 going into the area tournament and gave the Bulldogs a perfect slate against all county competition this season.

The Montevallo-Thompson game at the University of Montevallo on Friday was a classic battle, but that's what county basketball fans expect when these two teams matchup. It was a real battle as MHS posted a 58-52 come-from-behind victory over the Warriors.

Thompson gets early lead

The Warriors took an early lead and held on to it throughout the first half. But the second half buzzer proved to be the start of Thompson's downfall as the Bulldogs rallied from an 8-point deficit to take the lead.

Dee-ee-fense

Excellent defense by Earl Hayes and Sam Purnell and Terry McCarey's outside shooting proved too much for the Warriors as the Bulldogs pumped in 33 points in the second half to win.

McCarey was high point man for MHS with 19 in this last regular season game. Willie Keith led Thompson with 16.

Scoring by quarters

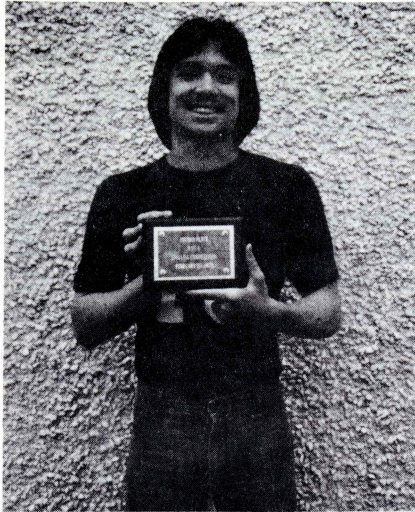
MHS	8	17	17	16	58
THS	12	21	12	7	52

'Dogs win 57-55

Montevallo bested Vincent for the second time this season, 57-55, here on Valentine's night.

Terence Chappell scored 17 for MHS's high; Jerome Tolbert added 13. Otto Fields also hit in double figures, scoring 10.

Earl Datcher led all scorers, keeping Vincent close with 26 points.



A WINNER!

Darrell Lawley shows the plaque he won as runner-up in spelling contest.

Ag teacher reports Apr. 21

Agribusiness students will have a new teacher when classes resume after the spring break. He is Mr. William Mike Howard, a native of Ohatchee, Ala.

Mr. Howard, an Auburn University student, is now completing student teaching at Ohatchee High.

He will receive his BS degree next week.

"I'm very favorably impressed with Mr. Howard. I feel he will do a good job for us and will fit very well in our program here," says Principal W. C. Corbett of the new teacher.

Spring vacation waits in wings

Today when the 2:45 bell rings, MHS will close her doors while students enjoy spring holidays next week.

The Alabama Education Association will hold its annual convention in Birmingham for the teachers next Thursday and Friday.

After the vacation, classes will resume Monday, Mar. 20 at 7:55 a.m.

In spelling contest—

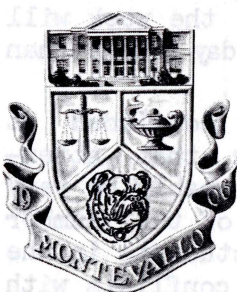

Lawley rates 2nd in state

Senior Darrell Lawley won a trip to Oklahoma City and a chance to try for a national championship next month by earning second place in the State Medical Terminology Spelling Test two weeks ago in Montgomery. He and three other winners, Peggy Lay from Walker County, Terita Arrington from Alabaster, and Toni Clabro of Alex City are eligible to compete with 29 other winners Apr. 26-29 in the national contest.

"I'm looking forward to going to Oklahoma; it should be fun," says Darrell, a second-year health occupations student at the Area Vocational Center.

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Two days in April—

Board rules—Saturday school

SATURDAY, APR. 8 and Saturday, Apr. 22, will find MHSers in school as they make up two school days missed earlier this year due to ice and snow. Shelby County Board of Education made the announcement last week.

Recently State School Superintendent Wayne Teague declared that this year's graduating seniors "must have the opportunity" to make up the days missed and county school systems should decide which days would be best for their particular students.

After the county board decided the days would not be made up at the end of school or during spring holidays, a special committee was selected to decide which Saturdays would be chosen.

Principal W. C. Corbett
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17 earn top grades - all A's

Seventeen MHS students made the all-A honor roll for the first six weeks of the second semester. Seniors led with eight students making A's: juniors had five on the list, while sophomores and freshmen had two each to earn the honor.

Making all A's are:

Seniors: Leslie Davis, Greg Hardin, Barry Harper, Darrell Lawley, Tina McClain, Mary Sherrer, Mary Jane Wyatt, and Marsha Zahumensky.

Juniors: Glenn Anthony, Rene Davis, Lynn Sawyer, Emily Steele, and Scobie Wilcoxon.

Sophomores: Anne Klemenc and Debbie Kunkel.

Freshmen: Tod Austin and David Melsoni.

Musicians rate highest scores

The Troubadours earned the right to go to state a seventh straight time as they made a 1-1-1 rating in district competition Mar. 3 at Shades Valley High School.

Before facing the state trials, the Troubadours will compete in the University of Montevallo Concert Band Contest Mar. 25.

After a week's rest the band will travel to Samford University for the state competition the first week in April.

The Troubadours will perform the same music they played at District at both upcoming contests: Golden Jubilee by Sousa; Symphony No. 8 (unfinished), first movement, by Shubert, arranged by Caillet; and Apokryphos by Leckrone.

Saturdays---(Cont'd)

was part of the group comprised of three principals, four teachers, and chaired by Shelby County Curriculum Coordinator Evan Major.

According to Mr. Corbett the make-up days will be the regular six-hour school day; the week will just be one day longer than usual.

"We all concluded at the meeting that attendance will probably be very low because of the number of working students in the county and conflicts with band trips and the county math tournament," Mr. Corbett noted.

"It's also about that time of year when the fish start biting good," he added with a grin.

It's news downtown--

Jewelry store changes hands

Lacey's Jewelry and Gift Shop opened downtown last Friday.

Owners are Phillip and Billie Lacey. The store, which was formerly Stone Jewelry, is located on Main Street downtown.

Black civil rights leader Julian Bond, who is also a member of Georgia's

Cliff sings best for NATS

Junior Cliff Anderson received top honors among high school vocalists at the National Association of Teachers of Singing contest Feb. 18.

Entered in the contest by his voice teacher Glin-da Godwin, Cliff will represent Montevallo at the regionals in Gainesville, later this month.

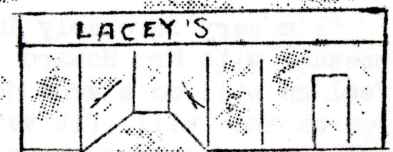
Cliff plays trumpet in MHS's band and is an active dramatics club member.

Club plans party

The journalism club will host a banquet celebrating SPOTLIGHT's thirty years at MHS on Apr. 1.

Club members are seeking the addresses of former editors, advisers, some outstanding writers and artists and inviting them to the event.

The dinner will be held at Leo's, 401-18th Street, South, Birmingham.

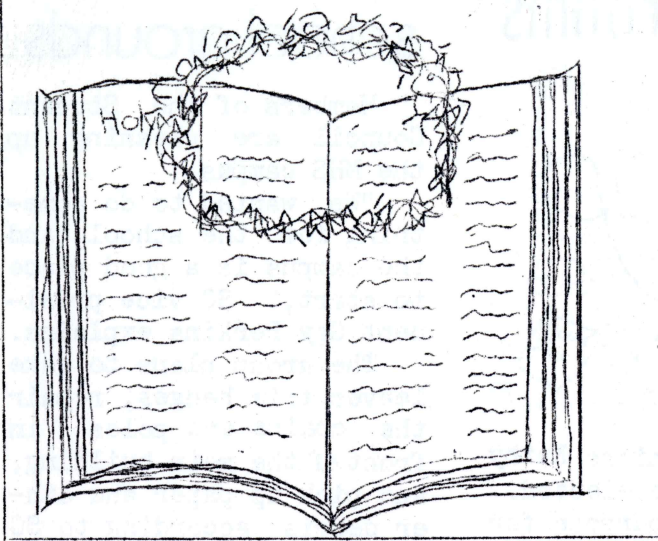


House of Representatives, will speak at the University of Montevallo's Palmer Hall Mar. 23 at 8 p.m.

Admission is free.

Montevallo's Music Box has moved across the street to the fabric shop's former location. "Store hours are the same," says store owner Toni Rochester.

He gave His life...



Break may be coming

An afternoon break could well be an added attraction to the regular day at MHS in the future.

In a recent interview Principal W.C. Corbett agreed with staff members that students and faculty alike need some "free time" during the day.

According to Mr. Corbett he plans to discuss the proposal with the faculty. If they agree to cooperate, the break may be instituted on a trial basis after fourth period or between fifth and sixth periods.

Mr. Corbett explained that the main drawback to having ten minutes out of class is that a very small minority of the student body may create disturbances. However, if the majority of MHSers would

discourage such behavior, Perhaps the problem could be overcome.

Maybe details could be worked out soon and the plan be given a trial the week after spring holidays.

If such a break is scheduled and everyone shows their best behavior, it could very well become a permanent part of the MHS school day.

Editor's plan, impossible

In the last issue of SPOTLIGHT, I suggested that Shelby County students go an extra hour or two each day to make up the two days lost due to the bad weather.

I was not aware at the time that the State Department of Education had already ruled against this as a possibility.

According to Principal W. C. Corbett, the state regulation states that all students must have the opportunity to attend school at least 175 days, with a minimum of six hours a day.

This means that even if students attended 10 or 12 hours a day, that time would count as one day.

The suggestion of the extra hours still sounds like a good one to me; but by Board of Education ruling, it is an invalid one.

...Darrell Lawley

ALL FOR US

by Mark Baker

Because He loved us,
He came.

To show us how to love,
He lived.

To redeem us from evil,
He died.

To give us life everlasting,
He arose.

Easter is a time for remembering

Easter is considered by many to be the most important day in the Christian faith. The hope that was renewed that first Easter morn as Jesus arose from the grave continues to live in the hearts of believers.

During the happy season of Easter when thoughts of colorful eggs and soft bunnies are prominent, remember the rebirth of joy that happened at a graveside in Jerusalem over 19 hundred years ago.

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Students campaign for office--

Politics enter the classrooms

AMERICAN HISTORY STUDENTS recently formed their own political parties for which they held rallies, wrote platforms, made campaign speeches, and elected "Presidents."

The classes also named their parties, designed symbols, made posters and handouts, and displayed signs and balloons. Some "convention goers" even wore the traditional "skimmer" hats.

Week for campaigning

As a result of the week-long campaigns juniors Kathy Crowe, Stark Harbour, and Wanda Prentice were elected.

According to teacher Danny Goggins the purpose for studying the election was to allow students to see some of the problems that political parties encounter as well as to learn the value of compromise in politics. Mr. Goggins added, "I was real pleased with the results and thought everybody did a good job."

Fun learning

Most of the students appeared to enjoy this departure from the usual. Junior Glenn Anthony comments, "It was really fun, and we learned a lot."

Senior Tina McClain adds that she felt it was a very educational experience.

Some party names used by the classes were American Protective Party, Realists, and Naturalists.

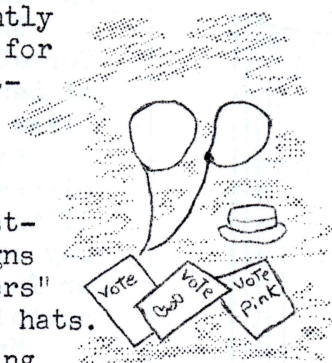
Rene Davis, MHS chairman--

MOD will sponsor Walk-a-thon

A county-wide March of Dimes Walk-a-thon is set for Apr. 15 as a part of the 1978 campaign to raise money for the charity.

According to MHS's MOD chairman Rene Davis high school students will gather pledges then walk several miles through Oak Mountain State Park to provide the needed funds. The money will go to help research and prevention of muscular dystrophy. In addition to participating in the walk, plans are being made for a special activity at MHS according to Rene.

Co-chairman Karen Morris says, "It's such a worthy cause, I hope everyone will do his part." Shelby County's program is directed by Mr. Larry Popwell (MHS, '68).



SC works on school grounds

Members of the Student Council are cleaning up the MHS campus.

"We wanted to do something for the school, and the campus is a good place to start," SC vice president Gay Perkins explains.

The group plans to rake leaves, trim hedges, repair the chains and poles in front of the main building, and pick up paper and other debris according to SC president Mike Beers.

The Council also plans to purchase a podium for the auditorium.

Accountants see computers

The bookkeeping classes made two field trips recently as part of a study on data processing systems.

Last Tuesday they were guests at UM's computer center; last week they toured the business office at the Moore-Handley store in Pelham to see the computer room.

The MHSers printed their names and addresses on punch cards using the key punch machine at UM. Then the cards were fed into a computer which made address labels for them.

"We visited the center to observe the actual process at work," explains teacher Johnnie McClain.

These classes have also completed a unit on income tax. They learned how to fill out the forms and became familiar with various deductions.

"It was interesting and not nearly as hard as I had figured it would be," Lisa Coon observes.

SENIORS WATCH CALENDAR

Seniors have begun the countdown for graduation. After spring holidays are over, the group will have only 50 more school days.

All kinds are flying--

Spring brings 'kite' weather

by Karen Morris

Sunny days and March winds signify the coming of kite season in Montevallo.

Tradition has it that Archytas of Tarentum invented kites four centuries before the Christian Era. Since then they have been recorded as useful in history. For example, they were displayed as signals in war, helped determine weather, and one played a major role in Ben Franklin's discovery of the electric current.

Today there are many types of kites: paper, blow-up, box, plastic, Chinese, and Sailor. In early spring each year they become extremely popular as breezes quickly catch MHSers' kites.

Senior Sheri Barrow says, "I think kite flying is lots of fun," but adds quickly, "The only thing I dislike is getting my kite hung in a tree."

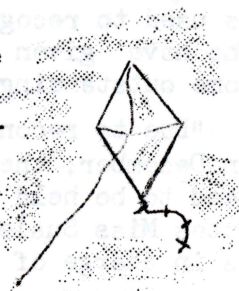
Despite such disadvantages, most people like to watch kites rise in the gusty air as they traditionally welcome in a new season and say, "Spring is here; winds are up; let's go fly a kite!"

Emily leads in math

Emily Steele has furnished the only bright spot in a so far dismal start for the math team as she placed third in geometry competition at Selma's Mathematics Tournament last Monday.

Earlier the mathematicians competed at Samford and failed to place for the first time in several years.

On Mar. 21, the team will take the National Annual High School Mathematics Exam at MHS. The group will travel to Jefferson State Junior College for its invitational tournament Mar. 31.



Belisle heads SCEA

Last Thursday MHS English teacher Barbara Belisle was sworn in as president of the Shelby County Education Association for next year.

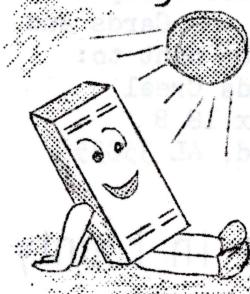
Mrs. Belisle filled the position of vice president this year.

Two other MHS faculty members also serve SCEA. Principal W.C. Corbett is treasurer of the association, and teacher Cathy Bearden was appointed secretary for 1978-79.

Mrs. Belisle will attend a national convention in Dallas later this year.

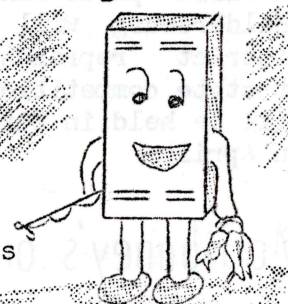
Locker Laughs--

Gangster line produces joke



The spring holidays
Are finally here,
And students shout
A joyous cheer.

Vacation time
Brings lots of fun
With jokes and laughs
For everyone!



When discussing prom donations, junior class secretary Rene Davis said to Kevin McCoy, "Kevin, you'd better pay your money tomorrow or I'll lean on you."

Eyeing Rene, Kevin Hughes interjected, "Oh, goodness, Kevin, pay it!"

While getting a fork to eat with, senior Gail Hill dropped one and quickly said, "Ah, shoot!"

Lunchroom worker Brenda Creel replied, "I would if I had a gun."

Juniors Monique VanLandingham and Kevin McCoy were discussing rock sing-

ers. Kevin was explaining that in Alice Cooper's final concert he plans to shoot as many people in the audience as he can before being stopped.

Monique exclaimed, "But then he'll have to go to prison!"

"Well, at least he'll go out with a bang," Kevin retorted.

In economics class when Vonna Carson scored 49 out of 55 points, she asked, "What's a 49?"

Helpful classmate Vanessa Cottingham in her usual bright manner replied, "A number."

VICA looks to district

The Vocational Industrial Clubs of America chapter from the Shelby County Area Vocational Center will have two students representing each class at the VICA district contest at the Nunnolley Technical School in Childersburg on Mar. 23.

Four of these are from MHS. They are senior Barry Harper who will be competing in residential wiring; sophomore Terry Saffold in small engine repair; and alternates sophomore Ray Brasher and junior Buddy Holsombeck.

First place winners in Childersburg will become district representatives at state competition which will be held in Birmingham in April.

McGiboney's art takes 2nd place in county

Senior Barbara McGiboney won second place in the Shelby County high school division Visual Arts in the Classroom Exhibition. First place went to Joan Parker, a Pelham High School student.

The painting that Barbara submitted was of a "little old lady" done in water colors.

Work of first place winners was exhibited at the Capitol Building in Montgomery last Saturday.

Principals and superintendents from various systems judged the art which was displayed at Thompson Elementary School.

Montevallo Middle School 7th grader James Moore, son of MHS maid Lula Bell Moore, won first place in the middle school class in county competition.

Awards day planning begins

May 12 has been set as Awards Day. This special day is used to recognize and honor MHSers and various adults who have given outstanding service to MHS or have made some outstanding accomplishment during the year.

"Due to reconstruction of the auditorium after a fire in December, the event will need to be held elsewhere," notes Miss Susie DeMent who is in charge of Awards Day.

"We've moved the assembly to the gym, but we'll set up the chairs instead of using the bleachers to provide a more formal atmosphere for the ceremony," says Principal W.C. Corbett.

School worker improves

After an accident in MHS's lunchroom, Mrs. Brenda Creel is now recuperating at home. Cards and letters may be sent to:

Mrs. Brenda Creel
Rt. 1, Box 18 B
Brierfield, AL 35035

Teacher offers grade contracts

Economics students have signed contracts for their grades. During this grading period pupils must meet the terms of the agreement to earn their desired grades according to teacher George Lilly.

To receive an A, a student is required to write an essay on "Cruelties of Inflation," present eight to ten news articles before the class, and make A on all tests. Other contracts are also available for B, C, or D.

"I think it is a great idea; I'm going to shoot for the star--an A," says senior Anita Stewart.

Class studies power

Students in the general science classes are learning how to conserve energy as they complete a study of machines and energy.

"An understanding of the relationships between them is usually one of the goals of most physical science courses," notes teacher Joanna McGaughy.

Along with the study, students will make reports on topics such as kinds of energy, nuclear power, solar energy, and ways to conserve energy at home.

Pictures offered

If enough seniors are interested, Waldrup Studios will make cap and gown portraits.

A packet of one 8x10 and two 5x7's would cost \$20. A definite date will be set if enough seniors sign up in the guidance office.





LET'S DO IT RIGHT!

Junior Firefighters Cindy Elledge and Billy Hughes (assistant chief) learn to work the controls on the fire truck.

Now is time to apply--

Fine arts school sets trials

The Alabama School of Fine Arts is now accepting audition applications for 1978-79. The school is a state supported school in Birmingham offering a complete academic program with career education in dance, music, drama, visual arts, and creative writing.

Students are admitted by audition only in the 7th through 11th grades. Auditions for the fall term are scheduled for Saturdays, Apr. 1 and May 6.

Applications should be received at least one week prior to the audition dates, so any students who are interested in attending next fall should apply now.

The school also offers an approved academic curriculum and has dormitory facilities for resident students.

For further information, students may write the Alabama School of Fine Arts, 820 North 18th St., Birmingham, AL 35203 or call 252-9240.

Summer plans working

Summer school plans are underway. The session will be held June 5 - July 14. Classes will begin at 8 a.m. and end at noon.

"Even though we know we will have a summer school, we have not yet decided which courses will be offered," says Principal W.C. Corbett.

One unit of credit may be earned during the six-week period. Students meet one class four hours a day.

The University of Montevallo sponsors the summer school at MHS.

Girl joins firefighters

Freshman Cindy Elledge has the distinction of being the only female firefighter at MHS. A member of the Future Firefighters, a new division of Montevallo's Fire Department, Cindy comments, "I feel embarrassed sometimes doing the various activities because the guys tend to think they do it better than I do."

Seven other participants in the new organization--all males--are Johnny Horton, Billy and Kevin Hughes, David and James Lash, Sidney McGaughy, and Billy Perry.

Bi-weekly meetings

The group meets every other Tuesday night at the fire station to assist the firemen with numerous activities.

"It's really weird to watch a girl carry out duties of a fireman, but so far, she pulls her own weight," says junior Kevin Hughes of the female member.

Will wear uniforms

Uniforms priced at approximately \$400 each are among future plans for the junior group. A recent car wash earned \$150 toward the fund.

"Our work will give us all more experience when going into this field," says junior Sidney McGaughy, chief of the Future Firefighters.

"Before long, we'll be helping at actual fires," he adds.

Frosh to see drama

Freshmen English classes will visit the Falcon Theatre Mar. 29 to view the movie version of William Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet." The show will begin at 9 a.m.; the price is \$1 per person.

English teacher Ann Parker says, "I think the students will really enjoy the movie after reading the play in class."

In baseball--

'Dogs open with Chelsea

A 13-game season is on deck for MHS baseball, beginning Apr. 11. Here is the schedule:

Apr. 11 Chelsea*
13 Blocton
15 Calera (at UM at 9:30 a.m.)
18 Blocton*
20 Chelsea
25 Shelby Co.*(1 p.m.)
27 Vincent*
May 1 Jemison*
2 Jemison
4 Pelham
5 SCHS (1 p.m.)
9 Pelham*
11 Vincent
(Area 7 tournament, Apr. 28, 29; Shelby Co. tournament, May 15-19)

Scheduled games are at 4 p.m. unless designated otherwise. * indicates a home game.

First time in seven years--

Bulldogs miss State chance

FRANCIS MARION DETHRONED MHS's Bulldogs from Area 7 dominance as the Rams won the tournament finals here Feb. 24 by a score of 45-41. This is the first time in seven years the Bulldogs have failed to make a trip to state 2A basketball playoffs in Tuscaloosa.

Earnest Mims with 19 points and Earl Henderson, 12, led the Ram scoring, while Terence Chappell, Terry McCarey, and Otto Fields kept Montevallo close with 12, 11, and 10 points respectively in the final game.

By vote of the coaches from the eight schools in the meet, Chappell, McCarey, and Fields were named to the all-tournament team, along with seven other men.

3 try for award

Juniors Lisa Coon, Vicki Crowson, and Tina Thomas are trying to qualify for the Presidential Sports Award in archery.

To qualify they must shoot a minimum of 3,000 arrows within four months. Participants must be at least 15 yards from the target and cannot shoot over 60 arrows per day.

'Dogs beat TCTS

Montevallo earned its way to the finals by defeating Talladega County Training School 67-56 in the semi-final round.

McCarey and Earl Hayes led MHS's scoring with 12 points apiece.

Mims leads Marion

Marion whipped Winterboro 63-55 to earn the finals berth. Mims had 20 points for the winners.

After topping Ashville for the Region 4 title, the Rams advanced to the state playoffs. They were beaten in the first round in Tuscaloosa by state champion R. C. Hatch.

Records point to 5 cagers

by Greg Hardin

MHS has closed out another basketball season and all that's left is the record book. Leaders in various departments are seniors Terence Chappell and Terry McCarey and juniors Kenneth Bell, Otto Fields, and Earl Hayes.

Chappell was leading scorer as he pumped in 395 of the 'Dogs 1749 points this year. He also had 236 rebounds as third man in that department.

McCarey, leading defensive player for the team, had 53 assists for tops in that category.

Fields snatched 329 rebounds from the boards to show the way in that field. Otto was also second highest in scoring with 295 points.

Hayes, the most accurate man from the free throw line, hit 51 of 73 for 70% shooting for the season. He was second in rebounding with 319 and third in scoring with 293. Percentage-wise he led from the field--50%.

Bell was second in free throw shooting with a 68% average for the year--75 of 110 attempts.

FCA will hold camp

The annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes Camp will be held Apr. 21-23 at Camp Rotary near Montgomery.

Pro and college athletes will provide leadership and share testimonies at the camp.

According to MHS Coach Richard Gilliam, a delegation of Montevallo students will attend.

Chappell. McCarey. Sheppard--Bulldog Growls--

3 bid basketball goodbye

by Jeff Lucas

THREE BULLDOGS ENDED their high school basketball careers with the final round of the Area 7 Tournament at MHS-- Terence Chappell, Terry McCarey, and Nate Sheppard.

Terrence was leading scorer for the Bulldogs this year averaging 13.6 per game. He also averaged 8.1 rebounds. Coaches named him to Mid-State and Area 7 Tournament teams and voted him Most-Valuable-Player in the Shelby County Tournament.

"This three-year varsity man's never-quit attitude made him an excellent captain for the '78 team," notes Coach Kurt Pnazek.

Terence had a career total of 869 points.

Team player

Terry, also named captain, led the team in assists this season and had a 9-point game average in scoring. He had 4.9 rebounds to his credit each game.

Coach Pnazek says, "Terry is a good leader and a fine team player with a lot of heart."

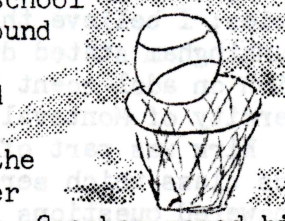
A four-year varsity man Terry scored 739 points as a career total. The 6' guard was named to the Area 7 and Shelby County Tournament teams this year.

Important role

"Even though he wasn't a starter. Nate played an important role as a substitute in victories over Thompson, Vincent, and West Blocton this year," Coach Pnazek says.

"Nate played a fine inside game for his 5'11" size. His spirit, pride, and determination are qualities that should influence others in years to come," Coach says.

Nate had an average of 1.4 points a game and 1.4 rebounds per game in '78.



Women coaches get raise in pay

Recently Shelby County Board of Education increased the women's coaching supplement to \$900 and also voted to make the increase retroactive for the year.

Male assistant coaches' supplement was increased to \$900 earlier. This action made women's coaching supplements equitable.

Coach Dot Bishop says, "I'm glad the Board has taken steps to equalize the women's supplements with the men's."

Orange-Blue football battle set

MHS's annual Orange and Blue intrasquad football game is scheduled for Friday, Mar. 24, at 1 p.m. According to Coach Richard Gilliam, head football coach, the purpose of the Orange-Blue battle is to give young varsity players valuable game experience. It also enables the coaches to better evaluate the potential of new athletes.

"I hope to find out who my real winners are during the game," Coach Gilliam anticipates.

The junior varsity intrasquad contest will be scheduled at a different time.

Boosters show hospitality

by Chuck Reynolds

Mrs. Dot Holsombeck, Mrs. Ruth Glosson, Mrs. Lula Sherrer, and assistant coach Bobby Sherrer deserve a special word of thanks for providing a hospitality room while the Area 7 Tournament was in progress at MHS.



The room, located in the weight room, provided refreshments including cokes, coffee, cold cuts, cinnamon rolls, cookies, and other snacks for tournament personnel. MHS Athletic Boosters Club sponsored the program.

Coach Richard Gilliam expressed his appreciation to the club and "especially to Mrs. Holsombeck for doing 90% of the work."

Coach added, "I also want to thank the middle school lunchroom workers for helping greatly in the program."

"It kept me and the other coaches from starving as we were missing our supper every right."

US observes 'Day of Irish'

St. Patrick's Day, the Day of the Irish, has become an American holiday. Of course, the United States is not Irish, so why the holiday?

The special day is celebrated by Irishmen and their descendants all over the world in honor of Ireland's patron saint.

St. Patrick was a Christian missionary of the 15th century and founder of many schools and churches.

The color for the day is green; and the shamrock, a longtime "lucky" charm, illustrates St. Patrick's use of it as a symbol of the trinity.

(Rene Davis)

Junior rings arrive

Excitement is the word which best describes yesterday for juniors. The class met with Josten Ring representative Bert Jones and received their class rings which they ordered in October.

Junior Leslee Belluchie says excitedly. "I'm really happy with mine; it brings me one step closer to graduation."

UM speaker discusses US trade

Professor Kenichi Enatsu, a Fullbright scholar from Kinki University, spoke on Japanese-American trade relations at a dinner which economics teacher George Lilly and senior Greg Hardin attended at the University of Montevallo.

According to Professor Enatsu America's two biggest problems are "not understanding the Japanese culture and failing to spend enough money on marketing."

The professor's trip to Montevallo was sponsored by the International-Intercultural Society at UM.

"This gave me a new insight into the pressing problem of US trade," Greg reported.

What age to start dating--

MHSers serve on panel

"Dating should start when a child is mature enough to realize his responsibilities; I believe that age to be 16," Kirk Cunningham stated during a panel discussion on adolescent behavior at the University of Montevallo.

Kirk was part of an MHS home economics class which served on the panel and answered questions on dating from UM home ec students under instructor Kathryn Turner.

Senior Rudolph Reed disagreed with Kirk saying, "I think 15 is the right age because a lot of kids like to go skating, swimming, and dancing together about that age."



FBLA entertains students, parents

The business office education department at the Shelby County Area Vocational Center held Open House Feb. 14.

The day was sponsored by members of the Future Business Leaders of America at the Center.

Mrs. Linda Major, BOE instructor says, "I was well pleased with the response we had from the parents and the manner in which the girls carried out their responsibilities."

Accept realities

However, freshman Lolita McCarter added, "I think it depends on the child's behavior to accept realities."

While most students had the idea of an adolescent dating age of 15 or 16, junior Kenneth Jones surprised the audience.

"Date at 11"

"I think kids should be able to date when they're 11, if they can drive without getting caught," noting that he began at that early age.

"It seems to me that what the youth of today has to say is that we as adults need to listen more," MHS teacher Rose Ellen Hankins summarized.

Others attending the discussion were Cindy Ell-edge, Wanda Green, Kelvin Lilly, Sandra Layton, Patricia Ray, and Peggy Selby. Mrs. Hankins was moderator of the group.

PEARIDGERS CHALLENGE

Neil Moody's Pea Ridge Basketballers will play the KXX 106er's in a benefit game at MHS Mar. 24. Admission 50¢.

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At State Competition--

Bond rates top time slot

The Troubadours will play at a "prime" time in next week's state competition at Samford University. They will perform at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Apr. 5. "At this time the largest audience of the day will be present," band director Jim Weese reports.

The band will play the three pieces of music they presented to receive a 1-1-1 (Superior) rating at district.

Last Saturday the group competed at the University of Montevallo's concert contest. They earned all ones and placed third in the overall judging.

"I was very pleased with the superior rating and the third place ranking," Mr. Weese says.

Only two other of the 17 competing bands earned all ones. These were Mt. Brook and Tarrant, which placed first and second, respectively. Both are 4A schools.

Saturday school looms

MHS students will miss sleeping late and watching cartoons next Saturday, Apr. 8. They will be attending "Saturday school" to make up days missed because of foul weather.

Classes will be in session from 7:55 to 2:45.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tonight--Football Jambo-
ree at Calera
Apr. 1--SPOTLIGHT banquet
8--Make-up Saturday
15--Walkathon
22--Make-up Saturday
29--Jr.-Sr. Prom
30--Daylight-Saving

Paper plans anniversary party

SPOTLIGHT will celebrate its 30th anniversary in style tomorrow night. Former editors and staff members will meet at Leo's in Birmingham for a banquet sponsored by the MHS journalism club. Miss Sally Sears (MHS '71), now a television reporter for WAPI, will be keynote speaker.

Senior Greg Hardin, club president, will emcee the event, while other SPOTLIGHTERS, including editors Kathy Glosson and Darrell Lawley will be on the program.

Miss Susie DeMent, who has been with the mimeographed paper since its beginning, will recognize former advisers with whom she has worked. Co-sponsor for the past three years, Cathy Bearden, a former SPOTLIGHTER herself, will introduce guests and present staff members.

LOOKING IT OVER!

Principal W.C. Corbett (l) gives new ag teacher Mike Howard a tour of MHS.

Ag teacher Signs in at MHS

Mr. Mike Howard began work last week as MHS agribusiness teacher. He replaces Mr. Tim Wiggins who resigned in January.

Before coming to MHS, Mr. Howard completed student teaching at Ohatchee High in Ohatchee, Ala.

Mr. Howard says he plans to teach safety and techniques of woodwork, welding, and electronics and "then put these into practice in the classroom."

Citizen of the Year

Rotary offers new award

Some senior will receive a new honor at this year's Awards Day. The Montevallo Rotary Club will give a Citizen-of-the-Year award for the 12th grader who lives a life closest to the Four-Way Test of Rotary. The student will be chosen by faculty members who work with seniors according to Awards Day chairman Susie DeMent.

The test consists of the way the person exemplifies truth, fairness, better friendships, and goodwill through his daily living.

Principal W. C. Corbett notes, "This is a fine gesture on the part of the Rotarians. Hopefully it will serve as a guide to making our students become better citizens."

Seniors prepare for emergencies

Seniors were trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation Monday. P.E. instructors Dot Bishop and Richard Gilliam taught the course which, this year is required for graduation.

Miss Bishop and Mr. Gilliam received CPR instruction earlier in the year.

After watching demonstrations, the MHSers were tested on the material presented. Miss Bishop reports that 32 of 86 seniors passed.

On Apr. 7 the 12th graders will practice on mannequins and take a practical test on that.

"Those who did not pass the test will be given another chance to re-take it," Miss Bishop notes.

"CPR can save lives; I'm glad it is included in the MHS program," says Mr. Gilliam.

Cheerers named

Varsity cheerleaders for 1978-79 were selected after tryouts Monday and Tuesday.

The squad consists of freshman Beverly Lilly and Sophomores Lisa Edwards, Ann Frye, Jan Gauntt (head), Beverly Harris, Debbie Kunkel, and Belinda Morris.

B team cheerleaders were also named.

It's News Downtown--

Arts, crafts will adorn town

Montevallo will hold Trade Day tomorrow. This Event, sponsored by the Centrala Garden Club, will take place on the streets of Montevallo where various crafts and other items will be on sale.

In case of rain, all trading booths will be moved to the University of Montevallo gym.

Many merchants plan to have their own sidewalk sales in front of their own stores.

Jolly Cholly restaurant on Main Street is under new management. Mrs. Mary Vanderburg, formerly of Deep South Barbecue, is

Workmen rebuilding burned auditorium

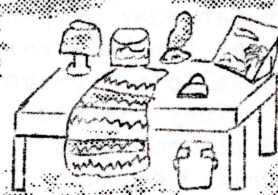
MHS's auditorium is undergoing a complete overhauling after the December fire.

T.M. Burgin Demolishers removed the old roof and burned rubble from the inside and put up new steel beams during spring holidays.

The reconstruction is headed by Wendell Bishop Construction Company.

Foreman Rex Lash says, "It has been slow, but as soon as the roof is finished, work will pick up."

Mr. Lash commended students and faculty for cooperation and help given during the renovation.



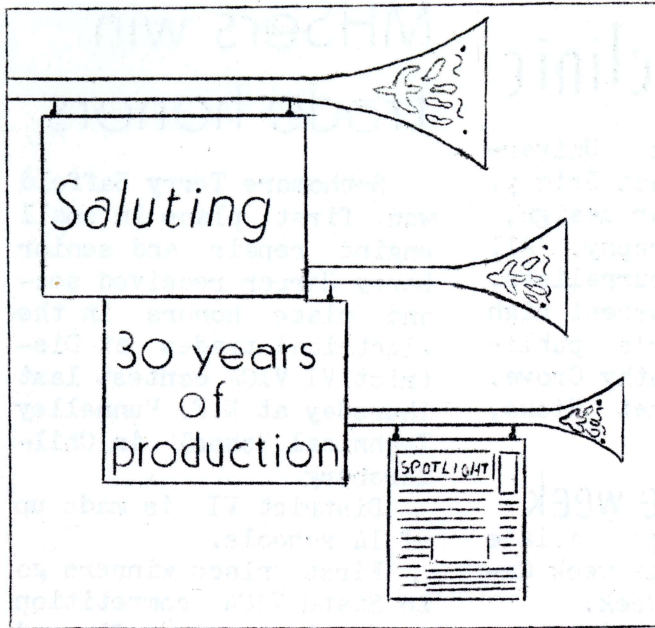
the new operator. Business hours are from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

A Red Cross blood drive will be held at the United Methodist Church, Apr. 7, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

To donate blood, a student must be 17 or older.

Mr. Christopher M. Hoff and Mr. Thomas J. Martin have joined UM's faculty, filling two newly created positions.

Mr. Hoff, career counselor, is from Sarasota, Fla. Mr. Martin, who is director of special services is from Tuscaloosa.



On SPOTLIGHT's 30th anniversary--

Staff honors paper's 'roots'

EVERYTHING has its beginning, and most good things have good beginnings. With their journalism banquet coming up tomorrow night the SPOTLIGHT staff feels it is an appropriate time to look back to the newspaper's "roots" and give a special word of thanks to those who made SPOTLIGHT the paper it is today.

SPOTLIGHT, a mimeographed paper in its 30th year, has accumulated an impressive record in state and national competition, ranking All-American for 31 consecutive semesters, an achievement few high school papers can claim.

Dedication and long hours of work over the years by staff members and advisers have produced this award-winning, All-American newspaper known at MHS today.

This year's staff thanks those past SPOTLIGHTers who helped in the newspaper's advancement.

Energy still low

Even though the recent coal strikes have been settled, conservation of our nation's energy resources is still a problem. Supplies are low and aren't expected to be replenished very soon.

Everyone should continue conserving energy.

In some kind of sport--

All can earn awards

Each person has his or her own sport in which they excel or enjoy. Whether it is archery, bowling, or swimming or just walking, everyone can now earn an award from the President of the United States just for enjoying and participating in such activities.

To earn the award the sport must be practiced over a four-month period with a set number of hours completed for various activities.

Every individual should take this opportunity to receive recognition from the President of the United States for efforts not only to become physically fit but also to enjoy the benefits of a daily athletic routine.

As President Jimmy Carter says, "Not all of us can be champions, but each of us can be a winner." And that's what you become in working toward these awards.

MHSers should encourage the three juniors, Lisa Coon, Vicki Crowson, and Tina Thomas, toward an award in archery and follow their example in striving to become an "athlete" recognized by the White House.

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Journalists study at AU clinic

Eight journalism students attended Auburn University's Eighth Annual Journalism Workshop last Friday, where they took part in classes in newspaper design, features, sports, newswriting, and photography. All these sessions were taught by professional journalists.

The workshop was designed to prepare current high school sophomores and juniors for next year's publications. Those who went are Sheri Barrow, Kathy Crowe, Vicki Crowson, Rene Davis, Greg Hardin, Janet Hicks, Karen Morris, and Emily Steele.

Journalism teacher Cathy Bearden accompanied the group which traveled to Auburn in a van furnished by former SPOTLIGHTer Teresa Holland ('76) from Sherman Holland Ford in Alabaster.

"The session on photography was especially good," says junior Janet Hicks.

To determine fastest--

Typists toe the mark for race

All MHS typing classes will participate in a typing contest Apr. 3-Apr. 23. Typing teacher Susie DeMent will keep a chart on 3-minute timings which have no more than three errors to determine the winners.

To be eligible for the competition, the contestants must pass at least eight timings during the contest dates. Then the top three timings passed during that time will be averaged for determining speeds of winners.

First and second place boy and girl winners will be named from beginning classes, while only two top places will be determined in the all-girl advanced class.

Winners will be recognized at Awards Day.

"It looks like an interesting race this year, especially among the male typists," Miss DeMent says. "We've had some real good speeds already," she adds excitedly.

Sophs observe week

Governor George Wallace has declared this week Career Education Week.

In accordance with this approximately 60 sophomores returned to the vocational center in Columbiana to observe occupational classes in session.



For class presentation--

Drama students create plays

After studying a unit of drama, the speech class is now looking forward to presenting original skits. The students have been divided into four groups, with each responsible for writing, learning, and acting out its own play.

Productions will be centered around one of the four types of drama--tragedy, farce, comedy, or melodrama.

"I think it'll be fun--it's a big chance for me to improve my writing; who knows, I might even become a great playwright," senior Anitka Stewart comments.

MHSers win trade honors

Sophomore Terry Saffold won first place in small engine repair and senior Barry Harper received second place honors in the electrical trades at District VI VICA contest last Thursday at N.F. Nunnolley Technical School in Childersburg.

District VI is made up of 14 schools.

First place winners go to State VICA competition in Birmingham Apr. 21 and advance to the National Contest in June.

Psychometrist visits

As part of a unit on measuring intelligence in psychology, Mrs. Linda Duncan, Shelby County psychometrist, explained her job to the class.

She showed different individual intelligence test kits, including the WAIS, WTSC (revised), and Binet.

Mrs. Duncan told the students how she calculates IQ scores and how students are grouped according to their IQ's.

ACT upsets Saturday plans

by Darrell Lawley

It's Saturday morning; you have just awakened to a blaring radio alarm. You look at the time--6:00 a.m.; your stomach is a bottomless pit. You're so tense and nervous you can't get breakfast down so you settle for a glass of orange juice. This morning, you see, you're scheduled to take the ACT (American College Test).

You know you have to make good in order to get into college. The butterflies in your stomach start fluttering. Since listening to the stereo usually calms you, you find your favorite station. This doesn't help this morning; THE TEST still looms!

Since registration begins at 8:30, you get in your car at 8:00. When you arrive, you find the test center already crowded with students from different high schools.

The tension continues to build as everyone waits to be checked into the testing room.

Some are awed

Some greetings are audible, but most of the students speak in quiet, hushed tones.

It's 8:45; the test begins. English--that's not so bad. Math--umm, that's a bit more difficult.

Your palms get a little moist and beads of perspiration begin to form on your forehead.

Draw a blank

It seems you don't know a thing on the next two sections -- social science and natural science.

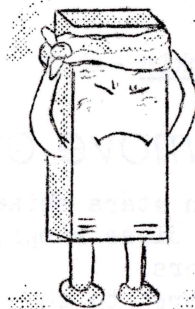
Finally, the ordeal is over. You confess to your friends how badly you did and you leave.

On the other hand, you are still making big plans for college--you know you will make it some way, no sweat!



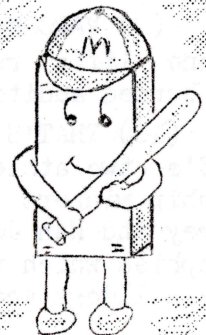
Locker Laughs--

Quick answer gets laugh



Springtime has finally
Come around;
Pitchers will soon
Take to the mound.

Everyone has
Something funny to say
And plans tricks and
pranks
For April Fool's Day.



While studying careers and the subjects necessary to enter fields, sophomore Jan Allen asked, "Mrs. Bearden, what can you get from English except reading and writing?" Before the teacher, Cathy Bearden, could answer, Clay Fowler dryly said, "A headache."

When teacher Danny Goggins got annoyed with his 3rd period history class for lack of concentration, Junior David Underwood gave "spring fever" as a cause.

"Well, if you don't begin paying attention, you will be springing right out of here," Mr. Goggins informed.

While discussing the country of Portugal in Mrs. Barbara Belisle's speech class, sophomore Fredia Thrift said, "For instance, this man is a Portugoose."

Puzzled, senior Anne Tolbert asked, "You mean Portuguese, don't you?"

"No. Portuguese is more than one; Portugoose is one," Fredia explained.

During 4th period economics senior Vickie Lilly said to classmate Vonna Carson, "You're getting on my nerves."

Vonna quickly quipped, "Just give me time, I'll get off of them."

Energy crisis doesn't slow MHS

Pictures shown on the opposite page are identified below:

(1) LIE-BRARY?--Sophomore Jerome Jones conserves energy--his own--in a library corner.

(2) COACHING CREW--Coaches (l-r) Kurt Pnazek, Dot Bishop, and Richard Gilliam.

(3) THE MAESTRO WARMS 'EM UP--Mr. Jim Weese directs as Troubadours practice for state competition.

(4) WILLIAM TELL--FEMALE VERSION--Lisa Coon, a junior, aims at target and President's Award while the MHS sign reminds everyone of the coal shortage.

(5) TAILORS MODEL--Independent living students Monty Fondren and Eddie Staffney wear their own creations (aprons) while cooking.

(6) AND AWAY WE GO!--Students leave main building for lunchroom across the way.

(7) FASTER, FASTER! There's no energy being conserved here as Rene Davis warms up for upcoming typing competition to determine school's fastest typist.

(8) ATTENTION PLEASE--Senior Leslie Davis makes an announcement over the intercom.

(9) VAROOM--Workmen's crane lifts rubbish out of burned auditorium.

(10) THAT'S A BEAUTY--MHS's two athletic scholarship winners Terry McCarey and Nan Jones admire trophies which they helped the Bulldogs acquire.

Teachers cooperate

Two 11th grade teachers are coordinating efforts in instructing history and English at MHS.

History teacher Danny Goggins has his students currently preparing research papers while English teacher Barbara Belisle recently completed a short unit on the standard form for writing such papers.

According to Mr. Goggins topics for the compositions are limited to American history and must be between five and eight pages long. The deadline is Apr. 18.

Class rings sparkle --

Juniors move one step closer

Fifty-seven stars shine on the fingers of MHS's juniors. The new class rings, bearing '79's, announce they are almost seniors.

Of the colors to choose from, blue, an MHS color, proved to be most popular. The assortment of sizes ranged from Danny Young's 13½ to a petite 4½ purchased by Cindy Lunsford.

Styles also vary. Nine girls chose dinner rings, while only Glenn Anthony sports MHS's traditional ring. Many other styles were also selected.

Thirty-four juniors have yellow gold, and 23 wear white gold or silver rings.

The most expensive rings costing \$101.10, emptied pockets of Danny Young, Buddy Holsombeck, and Mark Singh, while the least expensive ones cost less than half that much.

"Class rings are keepsakes of high school that students treasure for years to come--I'm so excited to have mine," Leslee Belluchie exclaims.

MHSers teach young ones

A selected number of MHS phys ed students go to the elementary school each period on Tuesdays and Thursdays to instruct the 5th graders in new phys ed skills.

The high school students, both male and female, are helping prepare these younger students for coming years in high school according to MHS phys ed instructor Dot Bishop.

"It's a very rewarding experience for as we teach them, we'll be learning a lot ourselves," observes senior Mary Sherrer.

Club selects 'Remarkable Susan'

Dramatics club members have begun planning their last drama presentation of the year.

The date is May 10, and tentative plans call for individual talent as well as a 25-minute play, "The Remarkable Susan."

Club sponsor Barbara Belisle says the show will be given for the student body later this year.

MHSers conserve energy but not tolents



(See p. 6 for identification)

'Dogs will play Calera, Chelsea

Tonight the MHS Bulldogs will be reunited in the spring jamboree at Calera. They face a tough Calera team for one quarter and a fiery Chelsea squad for another to complete the jamboree game which gets underway

Last Friday the 'Dogs went at each other in the annual Orange-Blue intrasquad battle. Orange, quarterbacked by Kevin Hughes, won the contest 28-20.

Fans honor basketballers

Seniors Terence Chappell and Terry McCarey received the top awards as MHS's basketball teams were honored last Saturday at the Athletic Boosters' banquet.

Chappell received the team's most valuable player award and a trophy as the Community Player of the Year. McCarey won the coveted Theron Fisher Award for athletic excellence and the team named him best defensive player. Nathaniel Sheppard was given the best team spirit award.

Girls' coach Gwyn Cress awarded the girls' team with certificates; Coach Richard Gilliam presented junior high and B team awards.

Shelby County Coach of the Year Kurt Pnazek presented the varsity letters.

SPORTS PAGE editor Ben Cook was guest speaker.

Former MHS roundballer Robert Jemison made the Community Award presentation.

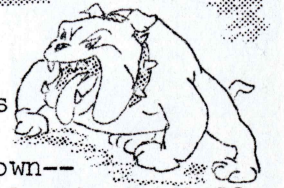
MHS will open baseball season Apr. 11

Looking toward an Apr. 11 opening day with Chelsea coming to Montevallo, the Bulldogs started baseball practice Wednesday. "I know we have a good defensive team, but competition is going to be tough," says Coach Richard Gilliam as he checks his 25-man roster.

Team eyes grand sweep

by Chuck Reynolds

This could be the year MHS brings home the triple crown-- county titles in football, basketball, and baseball.



With county trophies for football and basketball already stashed away, all that remains now is for Coach Richard Gilliam's "nine" to add the baseball crown.

Last year's baseball squad won the county title and narrowly missed a trip to state playoffs. With lots of support from the student body, the Bulldogs could repeat this season.

"I know we should be sound defensively," says Coach Gilliam optimistically. "I think we've got a lot of pitching," he adds.

McCarey signs with State

Senior Terry McCarey has signed a full four-year football scholarship to attend the Alabama State University in Montgomery. The athletic department there, headed by Mr. Tommy Fredericks, has been scouting McCarey for some time according to Coach Richard Gilliam.

Terry says he will be playing under head coach George James as either a kick return specialist, defensive back, or a receiver.

Mr. George Dailey, supervisor of instruction for Shelby County, acted as the go-between and brought the scholarship to Terry's home where he signed Mar. 7.

A two-time all-county player, McCarey has led the Bulldogs to state playoffs

for the past three years. This season he was named all-county and all-conference as he helped MHS win both crowns.

Terry is the son of Ms. Willie McCarey.

Dates to know

Apr. 22--Makeup Saturday
29--Prom
May 10--Drama production
12--Awards Day
12--Senior trip
15--NHS tapping
16--Spring concert
25--Commencement
26--School's out

Math team captures crown

LAST SATURDAY MHS ADDED A COUNTY academic title to the three county sports crowns previously earned this year as the math team won the Shelby County math tournament for a second consecutive year.

Montevallo's general math team placed second; and the algebra I team, third, in the event at the University of Montevallo. Montevallo's Middle School claimed the junior high title also for a second year.

Individual honors became a family affair as senior Greg Hardin won the 12th-grade and overall championships in the advanced division, while his sister Susan tied with Larry Readell for the 6th grade title.

MMSer Taylor Lawrence, the highest scoring 8th grader, placed second overall on the junior level, while the general math

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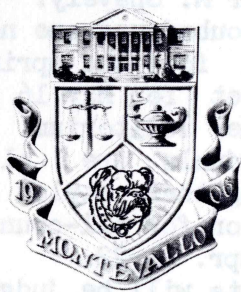
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AHSPA

SUPER WALK

Tomorrow, 8:30 a.m.

NSPA
All-American

At Oak Mountain tomorrow--

Students will hike for MOD

TOMORROW WALKERS FROM all over Shelby County will trek 14 miles in an attempt to reach the \$8,100 March of Dimes goal. In addition to other county high school students, approximately 70 MHSers are preparing for the Super Walk. Each hiker has a list of sponsors who agree to donate a certain sum to MOD for each mile the walker completes in the hike.

The annual event at Oak Mountain State Park will begin at 8:30 a.m. Check points will be located at various intervals to serve refreshments and check walkers' cards.

Grades due soon

The second six weeks of second semester ends today, leaving one more grading period before school lets out for the summer May 26.

Report cards will be handed out next Friday at 2:40 during a five-minute homeroom session.

Only 29 school days remain before graduation.

The meeting point will be the Information Center of the park. The route will travel seven miles through the interior of the park and return for a total of 14 miles.

Anyone interested may still register. Sponsor sheets are available in the office or from MHS's chairman Rene Davis and co-chairman Karen Morris.



WILL THE COMFORT LAST?

Rene Davis, MOD chairman, tries to decide which pair of shoes will stay comfortable longest as she prepares for tomorrow's 14-mile hike for charity.

Seniors, juniors eligible for honor

Each year the Danforth Award is one of the top honors given two seniors--male and female--at MHS's Awards Day. However, this year will be the last time an MHS senior can receive the title as it is now in transition from a senior award to a junior honor.

To initiate this change, two seniors and two juniors will be named this year by the faculty to receive this award on Awards Day May 12.

Awards Day chairman Susie DeMent says, "I feel the Danforth is one of the highest honors a student can receive. It takes into consideration character, as well as leadership ability and scholarship."

Strike affects auditorium reconstruction

Work on the reconstruction of the auditorium is moving slowly since the pitch (tar) for the roof is not available due to the recent coal strike according to foreman Rex Lash.

There is also a delay in fixing and replacing windows which were damaged in the December fire.

"We will have to rebuild all the windows that were burned so badly in the fire that they cannot be used," Mr. Lash explains.

He added that crewmen are going to wash down and strip the scorched walls and spray them with a chemical to eliminate the smell of smoke.

Sheetrock will then be applied in order to make a finished wall for the inside of the auditorium.

One more to go

Next week, students will have another day added to their schedule.

MHSers will report to homeroom Saturday, Apr. 22, at 7:55 a.m. for a regular school day for the final make-up day.

Classes were also held last Saturday to replace the time missed due to icy weather conditions earlier in the school year.

School closes as scheduled on May 26.

Band rates tops in sightreading

MHS's concert band recently received a superior rating in sightreading and an overall excellent rating for their performance in state competition.

Judges for the contest, held at Samford University Apr. 6, were Mr. John Abel, Mr. John Kendrick, Mr. Charles Minelli, and Mr. Luther M. Snavelly.

The Troubadours are now preparing for the spring concert set for May 16 in UM's Palmer auditorium.

Individuals are also perfecting their styles in preparation for all-county tryouts Apr. 21-22.

Students will be judged on their performance on five exercises, a solo, and sightreading.

The All-County Concert will be May 20 in Palmer.

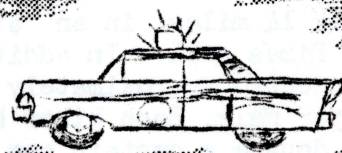
It's News Downtown--

University adds two police units

UM recently hired two additional policemen. They are Mr. Mark Austin, formerly of the Montevallo Police Department, and Mr. Dennis Glosson, who recently worked with the Calera Police Department.

UM's drama department will present the musical, "Little Mary Sunshine," Apr. 21-22 at 7 p.m., in the music building.

The newly finished addition of the BSU center at UM was dedicated on Apr. 2.

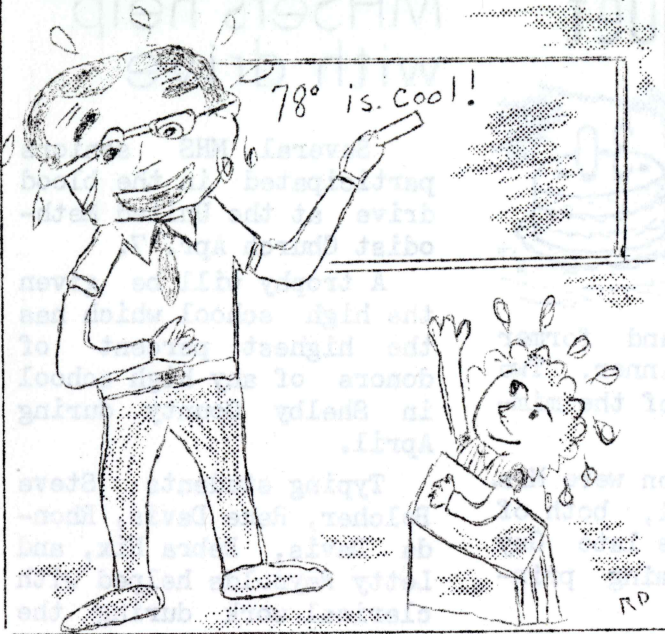


Recently a new business opened in the Junior Food Mart Convenience Center called "Montevallo Shirt Shop." The store sells T-shirts, jerseys, and jeans according to owner Peggie Seales.

A Disco Dance featuring Lee Stuart and his Disco Unit from Mobile, Ala., will be held at Orr Park, Apr. 22. The 3:30-6:30 p.m. event is sponsored by the Montevallo Park and Recreation Board and is free to the public.

To save energy--

Air conditioners — unnecessary



MHS will try 'break'

The trial run for MHS's first break in years has been scheduled for Monday. Whether or not it will be continued depends solely on the conduct of the student body during the free time.

Even though there are no "special" or additional rules for the break, all school policies must be adhered to. Teachers will monitor designed areas to see that rules listed in the handbook are carried out.

All those who worked to make the break a reality hope that others will not ruin this free time by leaving the campus, smoking, sitting in cars, etc.

If everyone will cooperate and encourage others to follow all school rules, the break will be continued. On the other hand, if students show they can not accept responsibility for a 10-minute period, the break will end.

The success or failure of the venture depends on MHSers.

Student pleased

Dear Editor,

I would like to express my appreciation for the CPR training which seniors have received this year. It is good to know that if an emergency happened, I would be able to help.

Hopefully, all seniors in high school will have the opportunity for CPR training in years to come.

Iris Smitherman

Writer lists tips

As high school students and citizens of the community we are obligated to do our share to help ease the energy shortage. After consulting Principal W. C. Corbett, I compiled a list of general suggestions that can apply to all high school personnel, faculty, and students so we can better perform a duty and service to the public:

- .Use air or heat only when necessary
- .Keep windows closed in cold weather or when air conditioners are operating
- .Close all blinds and shades when leaving for the day
- .Keep night use of building to a minimum
- .Cut off lights when not in use (some classes may even try turning off the row of lights nearest the windows on bright days.)

Although the coal dispute has ended, the power companies' stockpiles are still low.

We still need to cut energy consumption by 20%. If each of us takes an active role in this conservation, I'm confident we can lick the energy crisis despite the present coal shortage.

Everyone should do his part and employ not only the listed energy-saving techniques, but also those that good common sense can develop. (Darrell Lawley)

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1st Place

Journalists attend banquet

"WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE INSIDE is what people need to know about," noted WAPI reporter Sally Sears as she spoke at SPOTLIGHT's 30th anniversary banquet Apr. 1. Miss Sears gave tips to reporters and also commented on the "choices for today's journalists."



Seventy-seven guests, including present and former SPOTLIGHTers and advisers, attended the dinner. Two members of THE SPOTLIGHT staff, forerunner of the mimeographed SPOTLIGHT, were also present.

Past advisers who joined the celebration were Mrs. Carol Ashburn Roach and Mrs. Linda Sproul, both of Huntsville. Mrs. Anne Milford, wife of the late Guy Milford who served as adviser before becoming principal at MHS, was also present.

Special awards went to Principal W. C. Corbett and Miss Susie DeMent. Mr. Corbett received a plaque for his cooperation as a news source and loyal supporter of SPOTLIGHT, while Miss DeMent was honored for her "dedication to SPOTLIGHT and for developing the talent of MHS journalists."

Students hear Southern writer

ENTERTAINING. HUMOROUS. Educational. Enjoyable. Such were the reactions of the 17 MHS students who attended a speech given by author Eudora Welty.

Miss Welty's appearance at UM, Apr. 3, was a part of the University's concert and lecture series.

The writer from Mississippi read excerpts from one of her latest novels, Losing Battles. She has produced numerous novels and short stories, most of which deal with life in the rural South.

Senior English teacher Frances Anthony beams, "I was pleased that so many students took advantage of the opportunity to hear the famous writer."

Other speakers were editors Kathy Glosson and Darrell Lawley, sports editors Chuck Reynolds and Kevin Hughes, and reporter Barry Harper.

Journalism club president Greg Hardin was emcee and vice president Vicki Lilly gave the invocation. Sponsor Cathy Bearden introduced guests.

Research papers 'bloom' in spring

Spring and research papers just seem to go together. Seniors in Mrs. Frances Anthony's college prep English class will turn in term papers today at third period.

The students began writing the papers, which are a minimum of four to six typewritten pages, at the start of the semester.

Most of the information gathered by the students came from the use of the University of Montevallo's library.

Eleventh grade history pupils also have research papers due. Their finished productions must be handed in Tuesday when they report to teacher Danny Goggins.

MHSers help with drive

Several MHS seniors participated in the blood drive at the United Methodist Church Apr. 7.

A trophy will be given the high school which has the highest percent of donors of any high school in Shelby County during April.

Typing students Steve Belcher, Rene Davis, Rhonda Davis, Debra Nix, and Letty Reynolds helped with clerical work during the drive.

The American Red Cross sponsored the program.

NHS plans topping

National Honor Society will hold its annual tapping ceremony May 15.

"Scholarship, leadership, character, and service are the elements considered in selecting next year's NHS members," explains this year's president, Barry Kornegay.

Guidance counselor Frances Anthony is sponsor of the organization at MHS.

Whole family 'sings the chorus'

by Karen Morris

Which two sophomores at MHS are well known for their gospel singing? Jennifer and Kenneth Rutledge, of course.

The two students are part of a musical group composed of 12 family members.

"I really enjoy singing gospel music because it's doing something for God," Jennifer notes.

The Spiritual Rutledges are composed of Jennifer and Kenneth, a brother, a sister, a sister-in-law, two nephews, two nieces, an aunt, an uncle, and a cousin.

There's even more music when all the Rutledges get together, for Jennifer and Kenneth's father, Mr. Jasper Rutledge, heads the Junior Harmonizers.

Senior Paul Alexander and sophomore Eddie Sailes are members of this group.

They are all busy now planning a gospel singing Apr. 26 at Montevallo Middle School.

Sponsored by the Spiritual Rutledges are the McCorry's, Siamese twins who recently were featured in Jet magazine, Five Blind Boys of Alabama, and the Bronna Brothers of St. Louis, Mo.

Teacher flies high

If physical education student teacher Gwyn Cress were told to "go fly a kite," she could send it sailing high.

She proved this when she won first place in an Intramural kite flying contest at the University of Montevallo. Her kite went higher than anyone else's in the event.

"I didn't realize that flying a kite could be so much fun," remarks Miss Cress.

Moth team --- (Cont'd)

individual title went to 10th grader Bruce Horton.

MHS math teacher Doug Morris said, "I was real proud of our team since I feel this year's competition was a lot tougher than that of last year."

Mr. Morris added that he would like to thank the county businesses that financed the tournament and the University for use of its facilities.

School to try break

A 10-minute break (12:35-12:45) will be inserted into the schedule Monday.

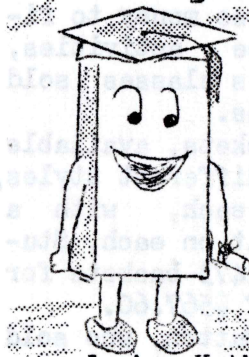
According to Principal W. C. Corbett the break is to be tried for two weeks, then a decision will be made as to whether or not it should be retained in the daily routine.

This decision will be based upon how well the students conduct themselves during the trial period.

Faculty members Barbara Belisle, George Lilly, Ann Parker, and Delilah Robinson served as a committee, appointed by the principal, to draw up plans for executing the break.

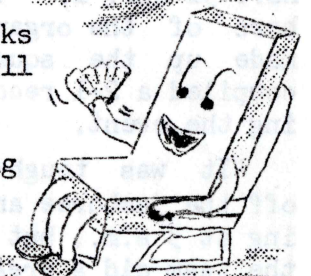
Locker Laughs

New job causes chuckle



Seniors begin
Their last six weeks
And smiles will fill
Those rosy cheeks.

Everyone's dreaming
Of summer fun
With crazy jokes
Or a silly pun.



Junior Kathy Crowe was conversing with classmate Monique VanLandingham when she suddenly exclaimed, "Oh, Monique, I didn't tell you; I got a job at Sho-Nuff Barbeque!"

Monique retorted, "Sho nuff?"

In 4th period world history, Miss Linda Dingler asked the question, "What does every boy want to be when he grows up?"

Sophomore Jennifer Rutledge answered, "A man!"

While walking to lunch Senior Vonna Carson noticed numerous cars at UM and asked classmate Vanessa Cottingham, "What's going on at the college?"

Vanessa quickly quipped, "Classes."

Sophomore Sharron Cathey was discussing receiving life insurance payments when freshman Larry Holmes asked, "Don't y'all have a piece of the rock?"

Sharron answered, "No, just a piece of the bread."

Bulldogs shower Chelsea

Montevallo opened the baseball season one day late due to rain, but it was on a muddy, slushy diamond that the Bulldogs slid to their opening day victory here Wednesday.

Behind two-hit pitching by Bret Jones, the 'Dogs notched their first area win defeating Chelsea 12-5 before the game was called at the end of 4½ innings due to the weather.

Rutledge hits

Designated hitter Willie Rutledge, batting leadoff, set the pace for Montevallo as he opened the inn-

ing with a double. The Bulldogs went on to score 5 runs in that inning.

Going 3 for 4 for the day, Rutledge had a single, double, and a triple.

Lash has perfect day

Left fielder David Lash had 2 for 2, one of which was a double.

Michael Snyder was losing pitcher.

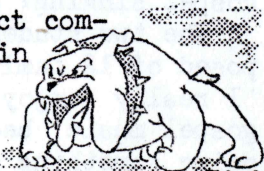
Totals

MHS	12r	8h	0 err
CHS	5r	2h	5 err

Bulldog Grows--

District holds Olympics

District competition in the 1978 Special Olympics was held this week at Fisher Stadium. Elementary age students competed Wednesday, and high schoolers are competing today.



This program helps students who ordinarily go through school without any special recognition enjoy the fun and excitement of school competition.

The events give winners, along with those who give their best, a special pride in themselves which comes from sports events.

Dr. Ward Tishler of the University of Montevallo laid the groundwork for this district's Olympics.

Coach Kurt Pnazek and Mr. Willie Turner are major helpers in the Special Olympics from MHS.

Competition is arranged according to age, sex, and learning capacity. The Olympics consists of track and field events.
(Chuck Reynolds)

Club volleys BSU

MHS's FCA, headed by Coach Richard Gilliam, participated in a volleyball marathon in MHS's gym Mar. 31-Apr. 1. Ten members of the organization made up the squad that compiled a 2-1 record during the event.

"It was tough coming off the jamboree and playing at 3 a.m., but I think the team did a great job," commented Coach Gilliam.

The group played UM's BSU team.

B cheerers prepare

"We're working hard to get things together and get a sponsor," remarks head B team cheerleader Jill White.

Other members of the 1978-79 squad include 8th graders Timolyn Conwell, Georgiena Nix, Joyce Stewart, and freshmen Sheila Goode, Teresa Lilly, and Lolita McCarter.

P. E. department sells for equipment

Tennis, golf, racketball, bowling, and badminton are included in the tentative plans for phys ed next year. In an effort to raise money to finance these activities, this year's classes sold wastebaskets.

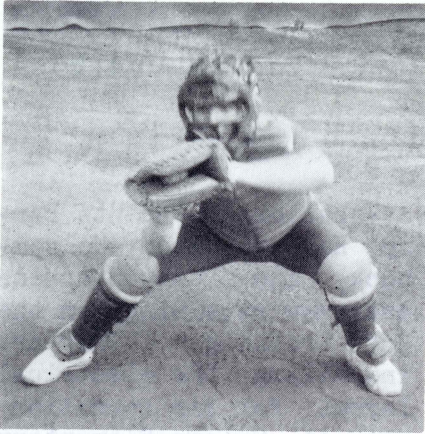
The baskets, available in three different styles, were \$3.50 each, with a \$1.20 profit on each. Students sold 473 baskets for a profit of \$567.60.

Debbie Sutton, who sold 30 baskets, was top salesperson. Sixteen students sold 15 or more and were awarded MHS jackets.

FCA group will attend camp

Next Friday 23 MHSers will leave for the annual FCA camp held at Camp Rotary in Montgomery. "This camp always gives me high spirits and brings me even closer to God," Coach Richard Gilliam notes. "It gives athletes better Christian attitudes and teaches them leadership," he adds.

Those attending will listen to testimonies by college and professional athletes and participate in sporting events.



IT'S IN THERE!

MHS catcher Barry Kornegay warms up before opening game with Chelsea.

In MHS vs. Calera-Chelsea games--

Jamboree scoreboard shows 0's

Both battles ended in 0-0 ties when the Bulldogs confronted Chelsea for one quarter and Calera for a second one in the spring jamboree at Calera Mar. 31.

MHS scored four first downs against none for Chelsea and three to Calera's one.

Defense is firm

The Bulldogs' defense stood tough allowing only 30 yards offense from Calera and Chelsea combined. Coach Richard Gilliam cited Jerome Tolbert, Sam Purnell, Larry Holmes, the entire defensive forcing unit, defensive line, and linebackers for outstanding play. He praised Kelvin Lilly, fullback, and quarterback Kevin Hughes for good offensive efforts.

"I'm very optimistic for next year," Coach Gilliam says excitedly about his 1978 team. "We have a lot of talent and should do well," he adds.

Juniors lose

On Mar. 28 Montevallo junior varsity fell 6-0 to Thompson. However, Coach Bobby Sherrer says he was pleased with his bunch and thinks they should do well next season.

"We had only one defensive breakdown to allow the score, and I think our offense will do well, also," Coach Sherrer explains.

For baseball playoffs--

Area is divided into districts

Area 7 baseball playoffs which lead to state competition will have a new system of elimination this year. Talladega County Training School, Vincent, and Winterboro make up the East district, while Chelsea, Montevallo, and West Blocton are the West district.

Winners from the two districts will play a best-two-out-of-three series to decide the area champion.

District game Tuesday

The Bulldogs play their first district game next Tuesday when they host West Blocton Tigers. Game time is 4 p.m. Last year the Tigers represented Area 7 in the state playoffs.

Tomorrow the Bulldogs will meet Calera at 9:30 a.m. as part of a doubleheader at the University of Montevallo.

After the MHS - Calera game, the UM Falcons will challenge Carey College of Mississippi in a conference battle.

Chelsea, Apr. 20

On Apr. 20 the Bulldogs face Chelsea for a second time this year at Chelsea.

The entire student body will have an opportunity to see the 1978 Bulldog nine in action Apr. 25. Students wishing to attend the game will be dismissed at 1:15 p.m. for the 1:30 match with Shelby County.

For county honors--

Stars shine on MHS at banquet

Shelby County Coaches Association honored all-county football and basketball players at the County Football-Basketball Banquet Wednesday night at Indian Springs School. Mr. Herb Winches, sportscaster for WBRC, was guest speaker.

Awards for individual achievements and the county championship trophies in both sports were presented. MHS took both top trophies this year, and Coaches Richard Gilliam and Kurt Phazek were awarded Coach-of-the-Year honors for football and basketball respectively.

Gridmen Barry Kornegay, Terry McCarey, Tim Otts, Chuck Reynolds, and Willie Rutledge represented MHS at the dinner. Terry was also there as an all-county basketball player along with teammate Terence Chappell.

FFAers rank high as judges

Ten FFA members on three teams placed in a county judging contest in Columbiana on Apr. 4.

The MHSers competed in livestock, dairy, and land judging. In judging livestock they rated first, and in dairy and land judging the teams came in second.

First place winners Robert Lightfoot, Steve Melsoni, and Scott Studdard will attend district contest in Jack-sonville Apr. 22. Other participants in the event were Earnest Glover, Billy Hughes, David Melsoni, Sidney Mc-Gaughy, Dennis Reid, Mark Singh and alternate Der-reck Stewart.

"I feel the boys did very well considering the amount of time they had for studying," comments teacher Mike Howard.



Foreigners cook for Barrows

Senior Sheri Barrow, junior Rene Davis, and soph-omores Tina Barrow and Rhonda Davis had a special Sunday meal Apr. 2.

Two University of Mon-tevallo students who are natives of Malaysia pre-pared a meal typical of those in their country at the Barrow home.

The college students, Seng Moon Cheng and AiLing Lee, served curry chicken, sweet and sour pork, rice, and a green vegetable dish of cut bell peppers, sliced carrots and spring onions.

Everyone was asked to eat the entire meal with chopsticks.

"I just couldn't manage those—I had to ask for a fork," Rene admits.

Rhonda adds, "The lunch was an experience, but I think I'll stick to Ameri-can food for now."

Seniors take CPR training

This week seniors com-pleted their CPR training and were given a perform-ance exam by instructors Dot Bishop and Richard Gil-liam.

Earlier the seniors had completed four hours of instruction and a test. At the second session they learned to work on manne-quins.

Those who passed both tests will be issued cards showing they successfully completed the program.

CPR training is now re-quired before graduation.

For possible careers--

2 observe hospital's routine

MHSers Lynn Helms and Darrell Lawley are among 23 seniors from Shelby County participating in a special health occu-pational program at Shelby Memorial Hospital in Alabaster.

Shelby vocational instructor Phyllis Armstrong set up the clinical rotation program in which seniors spend a few days in different departments of the hospital and observe areas in which they are most interested.

Students may be placed in as many as five depart-ments within a two-week period for in-depth looks at various career possibilities according to Darrell.



Students 'wire' Calera school

Vocational students Bar-ry Harper, Buddy Holsom-beck, and Benny Stephens are now receiving on the job training. They are installing the electrical layout for air condition-ers at Calera Elementary School.

Barry, a senior, says they were selected for the project since they could do the job at one third the regular cost of a con-tractor as they charge only for material costs.

Juniors pick theme

"Do You Remember Yes-terday?" is the theme for MHS's Junior-Senior Prom at Quality Inn on Apr. 29. "Yesterday" is the "song."

The theme was selected by a committee appointed by junior class president Glenn Anthony. The group picked the title from those submitted by junior class members.

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Honors await top students

MHS will honor its own for their accomplishments and services to the school at Awards Day May 12. Dr. Joseph Brindley, executive assistant to the President of the University of Montevallo, will be the guest speaker.

The program, coordinated by business teacher Susie DeMent, will be held at 9:30 in the gym.

Scholars honored

Certificates will be awarded those students who have done outstanding work academically. Also, students with perfect attendance and those who have provided a service to the school will be recognized.

Honors for seniors include the American Legion and Danforth Awards for leadership and character. Two juniors will receive the Danforth Award this year also, as this honor (Cont'd p. 2)

For spelling championship--

Lawley competes nationally

MHS senior Darrell Lawley is representing Alabama in the National Medical Terminology Spelling Contest today in Oklahoma City. The competition is part of the National Health Occupations Students of America convention which began Wednesday and ends tomorrow. Three other students from the state also went to compete.

To raise funds for Darrell's trip, the health occupations class at the Shelby County Vocational Center raffled a rod and reel. Local medical personnel also made donations.

Darrell's itinerary includes visiting the Cowboy Hall of Fame and serving as an alternate delegate during the convention itself. Darrell earned the trip by placing second in the state Medical Terminology Spelling Test in Montgomery in February.

Bands will present spring concert May 16

The annual spring concert, featuring the beginning, concert, intermediate, and stage bands will be May 16.

Some of the pieces the concert band will play are "Cherrio," "Theme from Close Encounters of the Third Kind," and "Let's Beguine," written by Band Director Jim Weese.

"Bob's Folly," "Look for the Silver Lining," and "Nancy's Dream" are the selections for the stage band. The intermediate and beginning bands will each perform three tunes.

Concert time is 7:30 in Palmer Hall.



CHAIR-ITY WORK

Ag students, supervised by teacher Mike Howard (1), clean smoke-damaged chairs as they help prepare for Awards Day, to be held this year in the gym due to the damage done to the auditorium by December's fire.

Appointments replace elections

Major changes are in store for next year's Student Council. Mike Beers, current president, will turn over his office to Gay Perkins, while Leslee Belluchie will succeed Greg Hardin at the treasurer's post.

Because only two signed up for office positions, Gay and Leslee will appoint the vice president and secretary.

SC sponsor Don Benton says that representatives will be chosen by homeroom teachers. According to Gay the Council will take on one major project, and the officers will attend a workshop in November.

"With proper support I feel that we can still have a good Student Council," Mr. Benton says.

Seniors head honor listing

Seniors are the leading scholars as seven of the fifteen students to earn all A's for the second six weeks of the semester are 12th graders.

Among those making all A's are: Seniors--Leslie Davis, Greg Hardin, Barry Harper, Darrell Lawley, Becky Lesley, Mary Jane Wyatt, and Marsha Zahumensky.

Juniors--Glenn Anthony, Rene Davis, Tomysine Jackson, and Emily Steele.

Sophomore Debbie Kunkel and freshmen--Todd Austin, David Melsoni, and Jeff Smith.

Today ends the second week of the last six weeks of the 1977-78 school year.

Only four weeks remain before closing day May 26.

Rebuilding continues

Progress continues on renovation of the auditorium which was destroyed by fire in December. The windows have been installed and a chemical to remove the smoke smell applied to the walls.

F. C. Johnson Electric Company of Birmingham is now completing the wiring.

"The auditorium will be wired basically the same except that fluorescent lights will be hung instead of the bulb type light," comments electrician Perry Hodge.

It's News Downtown--

Television star to visit town

Miss Polly Holliday, Flo. from the TV series "Alice," will speak at an alumni breakfast at the University of Montevallo May 13.

Miss Holliday graduated from Alabama College (now UM) in 1959.

Mr. Christopher M. Hoff and Mr. Thomas J. Martin recently joined the UM staff, filling two newly created positions.

Mr. Hoff, career counselor, is from Sarasota, Fla., while Mr. Martin, director of special services, is from Tuscaloosa.

Awards-- (Cont'd)

is changed from a senior award to one given to 11th graders. Valedictorian and salutatorian will also be announced.

Rotary honors

A new award, Citizen-of-the-Year, will be given by the Rotary Club to the senior who best exemplifies fairness, friendship, truth, and goodwill in all dealings.

College scholarship winners will also be named, along with all 12th graders with an overall average of A and the students who have earned all A's for the past year.

"Awards Day provides us with a summary of the good things that have happened to us during the year," says Miss DeMent.

"I'm always very proud of our students and the school when this day comes around," she adds.



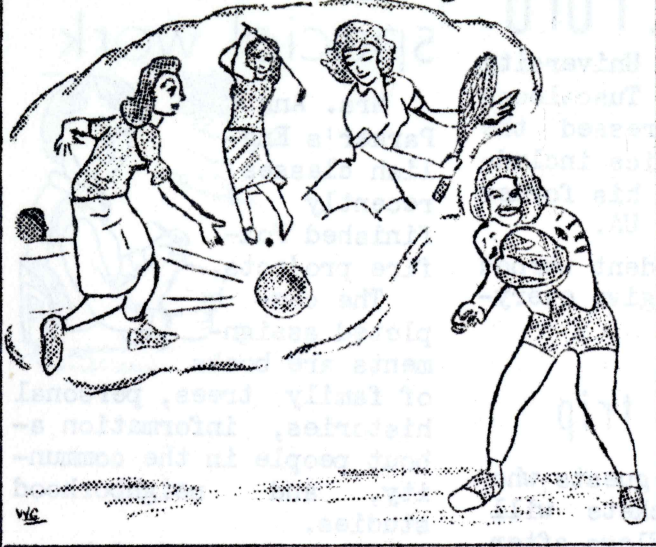
UM's theatre department will present "Equus" May 4-6 at 8 p.m. in Reynolds.

Graduation at UM will be Sunday, May 14, at 4 p.m. in Palmer Hall. There will be 289 graduates.

Miss Linda Price, sophomore at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., will arrive June 4 to serve 10 weeks as youth director at University Baptist Church.

Rev. Thomas Mansell, recently of Scottsboro, is Montevallo's First Baptist Church's new pastor.

More sports for girls?



Break proves success

For the past two weeks students and faculty members at MHS have been able to enjoy a ten-minute break each day after fourth period.

The free time is still on a trial basis at this time, but no major problems have arisen. Even with the sale of soft drinks by the cheerleaders, most students have conducted themselves well.

At present, MHSers should be commended. However, there is still a strong need for everyone to "keep up the good work." Students must continue to "be on their best behavior" so that the ten-minute period of free time may remain a permanent part of MHS's daily schedule.

Women's athletics need variety

With much talk about the Equal Rights Amendment and the Title I regulations of the Educational Amendments, women have gained more recognition in sports. However, girls sports at MHS and other schools around the nation are limited, since not enough other schools in the area have teams to compete with.

If they were interested, first at MHS, and then at other schools in Shelby County in numerous competitive sports, it would be a welcome change from only choosing between female volleyball, basketball, and track which are really still new at MHS.

Some of the most popular sports today are tennis, softball, table tennis, flag football, and swimming. Of course, not all schools have immediate access to the playing areas or equipment needed, but there are many sports which do not require expensive equipment or special fields. Maybe such sports could be added to athletic programs and would capture more girls' attention so every school in the county could sport a team in each of these areas.

Saturday foils

Saturday school doesn't seem to have been a success at MHS. Out of 430 students, there were 135 absentees, 90 checkouts, 30 at the county math tournament, and 10 on a church trip Saturday, Apr. 8.

Last Saturday there were 150 absentees, 100 checkouts, 20 at FCA camp, and 65 at county band tryouts.

With such poor attendance the Board of Education should consider alternatives to making up snow days next year.

Apathy prevails

It is too bad those who complained of a "do nothing" Student Council did not care enough to change it in recent "elections."

Only two students saw fit to run for office; others must be appointed.

Does anyone really care about next year?

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At UA Honors Program--

MHSers hear President Ford

Nine MHS journalism students attended the University of Alabama's annual honors day ceremonies at Tuscaloosa Apr. 12. Former President Gerald Ford addressed the awards day audience and spoke on several topics including how pleased he was to be in Alabama with his former HEW secretary David Mathews, now president of UA.

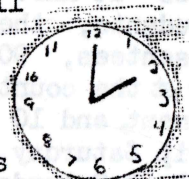
Hitting a serious note, the former President warned that "a government that is strong enough to give everything to the people they want, is also strong enough to take everything they have away."

Students attending the program with journalism teacher Cathy Bearden were Vonna Carson, Rene Davis, Barry Harper, Pam Henley, Janet Hicks, Darrell Lawley, Becky Lesley, Vickie Lilly, and Emily Steele.

Time runs away

MHSers will lose some sleep early Sunday morning as daylight savings time runs the clocks up one hour and 2 a.m. becomes 3 a.m.

This means juniors and seniors attending the prom tomorrow night must get curfew hours straight with parents or they just might arrive home late if the clocks have been moved forward.



Wyatt to entertain

Honor Society members will attend a barbecue at the home of senior Mary Jane Wyatt May 4.

The party will be the last time the group will enjoy fellowship together before graduation.

Seniors plan trip

Seniors and guests who paid \$9 for tickets will leave for Six Flags after school Friday, May 12.

The amusement park will be open from 5 p.m. to 5 a.m. for Senior Night. The program will include special concerts by various rock groups.

MHSers making the trip will provide their own transportation.

Invitations arrive

Seniors received their announcements, exchanged name cards, and autographed each other's memory books during a sixth-period party Monday.

One unit can be earned--

Summer school starts June 5

Eleven courses will be taught this year during MHS's summer school which begins June 5. They are English 9, 10, and 11; Typing I and II; biology; world studies; U.S. history, and democracy/economics.

During the program, which is state approved, students may earn one unit of work. Fees are \$45 for six weeks or \$30 for three weeks (one semester). Hours are 8 a.m. to 12 noon, five days a week.

Since a limited number can be accepted, those planning to attend are asked to pay a \$10 deposit when registering in the office. The remainder is to be paid on the first day of school according to Principal W.C. Corbett.

Projects take special work

Mrs. Ann Parker's English classes recently finished Foxfire projects.

The completed assignments are books of family trees, personal histories, information about people in the community, and neighborhood studies.

This type project began at Rabun Gap - Nacoochee High School in Georgia when Mr. Eliot Wigginton, an English teacher decided that his classes needed a change.

He assigned his students to interview, photograph and write about the old-timers living in Georgia's Appalachian Mountains.

He named the works after dead wood found in the area that emits an illuminous glow called foxfire.

"The projects create a whole new awareness for the students," Mrs. Parker explains enthusiastically.



For classes at MHS each day--

Teachers call 232 names

by Tammy Davis

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE to have a name like Anna Bertha Cecila Diana Emily Fanny Gertrude Hypatia Inez Jane Kate Louise Maud Nora Ophelia Quince Rebecca Starkey Teresa Ulysis Venus Winifred Xenophone Yetty Zeon Pepper? That was the name of a girl born in 1880 in England. Fortunately, however, no one at MHS has such a long name; but there are 232 different names here.

More male students answer to the name of James (Jimmy) than any other name. Mary and Deborah (Debbie) prove to be the most popular name for female students at MHS, with Kathy a close second.

MHS has 23 students with first names beginning with a J--more than any other letter--whereas, there is only one student with an H or O name and not any beginning with a Q, U, X, or Z.

Ten years ago at MHS, Michael (Mike) was the most common name for guys, while again Deborah (Debbie) was the most popular for girls according to a SPOTLIGHT article printed in 1968.

J's were also the most prevalent beginning letter for first names that year among MHSers.

While most students have names thought of as typically American, some have names from different nationalities.

Examples are Angela (Spanish), DeAndrea (Italian), Jacqueline, Monique, Lamar, and Rene (French), Nanette (Russian), and Selena (Greek).

With parents giving such modern names as Free, January, and Season, one may wonder if the All-American favorites such as James, Debbie, and Mike will last long.

Probably--for time has shown they have remained popular for years at MHS and are likely to remain so.

Juniors host seniors at prom

Tomorrow night brings juniors and seniors together for the last dance of the school year.

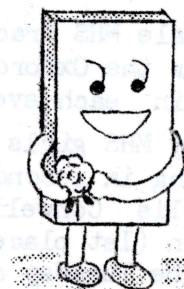
As is traditional at MHS, the junior class will host the prom entitled "Do You Remember Yesterday?"

To finance the prom, juniors sold magazines earlier this year and donated \$2 each. The dance will begin at 8 tomorrow night at Quality Inn South in Homewood.

Senior officers will read the class's Last Will and Testament which bequeaths "prized possessions" to members of the junior class.

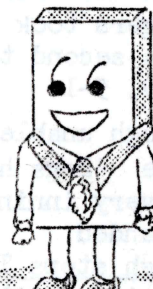
Locker Laughs--

Nails are handy



A tux, a new dress,
Or a pretty corsage
Mixed with people
Make a lovely collage.

Amusing lines follow
Wherever crowds go,
And jokes are told
That all should know.



When Kevin McCoy and Monique VanLandingham needed a staple remover for their bulletin board, Kevin asked, "Do you have your fingernails with you?"

When Monique answered, "Yeah," Kevin quipped, "You always keep them handy, don't you?"

Teacher Cathy Bearden asked junior Karen Morris if she should pick her up Friday morning.

Karen answered, "Well, I don't know--I'm pretty heavy."

In psychology, teacher Frances Anthony asked her students to find out the customs of dating which existed during their parents' youth.

Senior Iris Smitherman whispered to some of her classmates nearby, "Mother and Daddy rode a dinosaur to town."

While standing by her locker, junior Kathy Crowe got the "giggles."

Classmate Monique VanLandingham walked up behind her and said, "Kathy, that's a locker laugh."

After losing 3 games--

Bulldogs trounce Chelsea

by Darrell Lawley and Jeff Lucas

After winning the season opener, the Bulldogs lost two area baseball games to West Blocton and a county match to Calera before they made the win column again.

The 'Dogs took their second win last Thursday blasting Chelsea 12-4 at Chelsea. Designated hitter Willie Rutledge led the 14-hit barrage, going three for four for the day. Centerfielder Darrell Lawley, second baseman Jeff Lucas, and first baseman Mark Singh each had two for four.

Earl Hayes, on the mound for MHS, gave up only three hits. Losing pitcher was Marc Isbell.

Blocton wins

On Apr. 13 Wayne Seagle allowed MHS only three hits as the Tigers blanked the 'Dogs at Blocton 2-0. Losing pitcher Hayes just as effective on the mound, gave up only two hits; but three MHS errors produced two unearned runs to allow the Tigers to score the win.

Score by inning

MHS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WBHS	0	0	0	1	0	1	x 2

Girls win 2nd place in county--

Getting an early start with three runs off three hits in the first inning, the Tigers took the Bulldogs a second time at MHS Apr. 19, 5-1.

Though unable to catch up, the 'Dogs had men on base every inning leaving 11 stranded.

Lash stops Tigers

Losing pitcher Bret Jones was relieved in the fifth by David Lash who shut out the Tigers for the last three innings.

It may have been too early in the morning for the Bulldogs as the Calera Eagles took their first county win of the season from MHS Apr. 15 in a 9:30 match at UM, 5-1.

Andrew Dowdell, winning pitcher, gave up five hits and one run. Loser Jones was tagged for six hits and five runs in 1 and 2/3 innings, while Lash, in relief, allowed four hits but shut down Calera's scoring.

MHS slips past Shelby County 8-7

Evening their baseball record at 3-3, the Bulldogs took an 8-7 victory from Shelby County at MHS Tuesday.

Winning pitcher David Lash, in his first start, allowed seven hits and walked eight. Lash, doing his bit at the plate, collected two for three, batting in four runs.

Willie Rutledge, shortstop, also had two hits in three trips. Catcher Barry Kornegay added three runs, batting one for two.

George Barfield was losing pitcher.

Track squads go for state bid

Male and female MHS track stars are competing today and tomorrow in the Oxford sectional meet, from which three winners in each event advance to state.

Last Saturday MHS girls warmed up at the county meet at Pelham, coming in second as a team. Individual standouts were Phyllis Conwell (1st place, high jump) and Valerie Anderson (1st place, shot put). County trials for males will be Tuesday at Indian Springs.

Also at Pelham, the male Bulldogs brought home several top honors.

Sophomore Edward Glover grabbed three 1st place ribbons for the 880, mile, and two-mile runs; junior Otto Fields won 1st in the shot put; and freshman Rory Gilbert took the high jump.

On Apr. 20 MHS hosted a track meet including Pelham, Shelby, and Vincent.

Both male and female Bulldogs came in third.

Individual stars for MHS were Glover, who won the long runs and Phyllis Conwell, who earned No. 1 for her 14'3" long jump.

Coach Gilliam is All-Stars' leader

Montevallo's Coach Richard Gilliam has been named to head the West All-Star squad in this year's annual East-West All-Star baseball game at Clanton.

Coaches from Autauga, Chilton, and Shelby Counties will select their own outstanding senior players to make up the teams for the game Sunday, May 7.



GOOD WORK, MEN!

Coach Kurt Pnazek congratulates Willie Grayson (l-r), Glenn Alexander, and Glenn Chism for their wins in Special Olympics.

Coaches select 'good sports'

by Chuck Reynolds

Each year MHS cites two senior athletes for good sportsmanship.



Trophies for the honor are presented on Awards Day, scheduled this year for May 12.

Tim Ross and Pam Guy were last year's winners.

According to Coach Richard Gilliam the male winner must meet the requirements of being a good sport, fine leader, outstanding player, and a worthy student in academics.

A five-man committee, headed by Coach Gilliam, selects the male winner.

Coach Bishop is responsible for naming the girl recipient. She says this decision is "based on a girl's attitude, ability, and her relationships with others."

"More special education students are taking part in varsity and B team sports and are therefore ineligible for Special Olympics," Mr. Pnazek says.

Student teacher McCay serves

by Greg Hardin

"I came back to school because I wanted the opportunity to teach and coach," says Mr. Doug McCay, who is now completing student teaching at MHS under Mr. Don Benton. Mr. McCay also assists Coach Richard Gilliam (as a volunteer) with the baseball team.

A 1969 graduate of the University of Montevallo, Mr. McCay played on the Falcon's first intercollegiate basketball team and was on UM's baseball team as well.

After working several years and serving a tour of duty in Vietnam, he decided to return to college and become certified to teach.

"Coach McCay knows what he's talking about—he has helped me with my hitting and I know he's helped the pitchers, too," Bulldog centerfielder Darrell Lawley comments.

Special ed wins medals

MHS walked away with three gold, four silver, and two bronze medals at the Special Olympics at Fisher Stadium Apr. 14.

Senior Glenn Alexander "took the gold" in the high jump, senior Glenn Chism in the softball throw, and freshman Willie Grayson in the 50-yd. dash.

Silver winners were Glenn Alexander, long jump; Willie Grayson, 220-run; and sophomore Jeffro Johnson, softball throw and long jump.

Sophomore Annette Green was a bronze winner in the long jump, along with freshman Vanessa Ward for the 50-yd. dash.

According to Coach Kurt Pnazek, who works with special ed, not as many MHSers participated this year as last.

TENNIS, ANYONE?

Students interested in a tennis team should contact junior Kevin McCoy.

6 games left on Bulldog slate

The Bulldogs face a heavy schedule for the remainder of the baseball season with only two home games and four away.

Schedule

- May 1 - Jemison --- Home
- 2 - Jemison --- There
- 4 - Pelham --- There
- 5 - SCHS (1pm) - There
- 9 - Pelham --- Home
- 11 - Vincent --- There

The county tournament is to be played at Columbiana, May 15-19.

42 earn all county band

Forty-two musicians of the MHS and Intermediate Bands were named Saturday to All-County Junior or Senior High Band. MHS students in the senior group are sophomores Anita Bell, Jimmy Brown, Jennifer Daily, Danny Delage, and John Owens; juniors Cliff Anderson, Billy Brantley, Stark Harbour, Gay Perkins, Lynn Sawyer, Shawn Spicer, and Gerald Walker; and seniors Benjie Dailey, Greg Hardin, Tommy Ingram, and Mary Jane Wyatt.

"We had more who made All-County band and rate first chair positions than any other school in the county," exclaimed band director Jimmy Weese.

MMS plans musical

Montevallo Middle School drama club will present "Meet Me in St. Louis" May 12 at 7 p.m.

The organization is a part of MMS's exploratory program which meets once a week. This group has also been meeting after school and working on Saturday.

Faculty adviser Virginia Lawley says, "The students are really excited since this will be the first MMS production for the general public."

Beverly Lilly to go to State--

2 enter piano competition

Last Saturday two freshmen, Valse Brantley and Beverly Lilly participated in the District Piano Festival of the Alabama Music Teachers Association. Their piano teacher, Mrs. Sandra Nelson, explains that those who take part in the event are selected by their piano teachers.

The 200 competitors in the contest were graded on performance, theory level, and overall ability. Beverly, who received "excellent" in theory and music, will perform at the State Convention in June.



Club to perform

The dramatics club will offer two performances on May 10--an individual talent presentation and a play.

Those participating with talent are Genea Abbott (dramatic monologue, "I'm only 17"), Vonna Carson ("Creation"), Jan Gauntt (solo), Gail Hill ("A Birmingham Sunday").

Paula Nix (a baton routine), Fredia Thrift (solo), Angela Tolbert (limber movements to "For My People"), and Curtis Peoples (solo, "Old Man River").

Other club members will produce "The Remarkable Susan" by Tim Kelly.

Lynn Sawyer will star as Susan, while Kevin McCoy portrays the judge.

FFAers compete

Last Saturday agribusiness teacher Mike Howard and three MHSers, Robert Lightfoot, David Melsoni, and Scott Studdard, competed in the FFA's Bi-District land judging contest at Jacksonville State University.

Vocational classes studied

Eight teachers and three MHSers were interviewed last week by an evaluation team selected by the State Department of Education.

The review committee was made up of members of the State Vocational Staff and instructors who work in vocational education in the state. They were to examine the total vocational education program in Shelby County as part of a pilot program for the State under the 1976 Amendment to the Vocational Act.

The group interviewed vocational instructors, administrators, other teachers, students, graduates, and Vocational Advisory Council members; visited classes; and examined records and files.

Principal W. C. Corbett and teachers Junnie Craig, Rose Ellen Hankins, Mike Howard, Charles Kidd, Frances Anthony, Doug Morris, and Barbara Belisle were interviewed.

Participating students were Teresa Alexander, Cheryl Lilly Brown, and Ernest Glover.

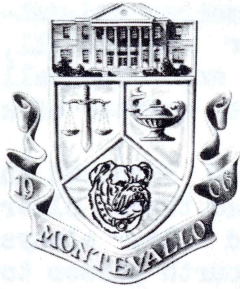
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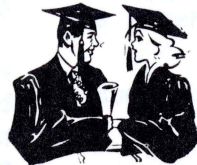
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THIS IS TOO MUCH!
Miss Susie DeMent beams as she reads the plaque dedicating the gym to her.

MHS dedicates gym to teacher

Montevallo High dedicated its gymnasium to business teacher Susie DeMent at Awards Day ceremonies last Friday.

A plaque inscribed, "This gymnasium is dedicated to Susie DeMent in Honor of Her Many Contributions of Time, Service, and Love to Montevallo Athletes, Students, and Faculty, by MHS Faculty, Administration, Students, Athletic Boosters, and Patrons May 12, 1978" is to be placed in the gym.

MHS honored Miss DeMent for her loyalty to the athletic program through

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OH, HAPPY DAY!

Senior sponsor Ann Parker adjusts "cap" for Vickie Lilly as Darrell Lawley, Jeff Lucas, and Terry McCarey (l-r) smilingly await their turn.

84 seniors count the days--

Graduation approaches

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES WILL BE HELD May 25 at 7:30 p.m. for 84 MHS seniors in Palmer Hall at the University of Montevallo. Dr. James Vickery, UM president, will be the speaker for the event, after class president Darrell Lawley welcomes guests.

Guidance Counselor Frances Anthony will introduce seniors and Principal W.C. Corbett will present the diplomas.

A reception for the graduates will follow at Reynolds Hall. MHS lunchroom staff will prepare refreshments, and mothers of juniors will serve.

Finals set for Monday, Tuesday

May 22 and 23 are exam days for MHSers: Monday -- chemistry, English, and social studies; Tuesday--math, science and vocational subjects.

Unlike last year, this year's schedule includes seniors due to the number of classes that have both seniors and underclassmen in them.

Dr. Brindley speaks at Awards Day--

Students, adults gather honors

MHS HELD ITS 21st ANNUAL AWARDS DAY ceremonies in the gym May 12. Guest speaker Dr. Joseph Brindley, assistant to the president of UM, encouraged students to set a goal and strive for perfection.

Outstanding students and five adults from the community were honored at the event.

Danforth winners named

Danforth Award winners were seniors Greg Hardin, also named Rotary Citizen of the Year, and Nan Jones, recipient of the DAR Good Citizenship Award. Juniors Lee Clayton and Rene Davis were Junior Danforth winners and seniors Leslie Davis and Barry Kornegay received honorable mention.

Good sports honored

Seniors Barry Kornegay and Terry McCarey were co-winners of the Good Sportsmanship Trophy. Suzanette Campbell was recognized as the Outstanding Girl Physical Education Student.

Leslie Davis and Greg Hardin received American Legion Awards, while honorable mention for the honor went to Nan Jones and Terry McCarey.

According to Miss Susie DeMent, coordinator of the program, 110 certificates were awarded for individual honors, 14 senior athletes received plaques designating their years of service, and 48 students were cited for perfect attendance.

Thirteen groups were recognized for their contributions to the school and the five cheerleaders received trophies for their service.

For scholastic achievement five freshmen received certificates for earning all A's for first semester, eight students were awarded school letters for making all A's for two consecutive semesters, and eleven were cited for maintaining an A average throughout high school.

With an overall average of 97.2 Marsha Zahumensky took valedictory honors, and Greg Hardin's 95.2 average earned him the salutatorian award.

Darrell Lawley received the Mr. HOE award as the outstanding health occupations student at the Area Vocational Center.

Gym dedicated (Cont'd)

serving as scorer and statistician for basketball, baseball, and football teams for a quarter of a century.

"I grew up involved in sports. I had three older brothers and they always needed a fourth person to even up their teams," Miss DeMent says about her avid interest in athletics.

In addition to keeping score, Miss DeMent posts bulletin boards supporting the teams almost weekly. Presently she teaches typing and serves as technical adviser of SPOTLIGHT.

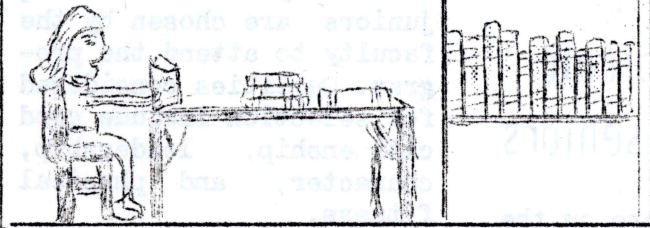
"The award was proper and fitting for a most deserving person and was long overdue. Miss DeMent is one of those rare people who know how to give unselfishly," notes Principal W.C. Corbett who made the dedication.



BIG WINNERS

American Legion and Danforth Awards recognize character, patriotism, and leadership. This year's recipients are (1st row: l-r) Greg Hardin, Nan Jones, and Lee Clayton. (Back) Leslie Davis, Terry McCarey, Barry Kornegay, and Rene Davis.

Limited checkout limits study



Library causes concern

Friday, Apr. 28, the morning announcements were read over the intercom as usual. But some very surprising words sounded over the wire, "Today is the last day to check out books." With one month and several term papers, research projects, and special assignments left before the end of school, this came as a big disappointment to students and teachers alike.

Although many of the sources needed are still available for use in the library, many students do not have the opportunity to take advantage of the library during the school day. With special projects and research papers, more time is needed than a few minutes offered to the students who do have a chance to use the library.

It is understandable that closing the library to take inventory and put books in place is essential; but in years past, MHS's library has taken care of these procedures in the last week of school --not the last month.

Students not able to use the library's sources this past month are just "outa luck" unless they go to the University of Montevallo library or have materials at home.

If a date must be set, maybe it can be one of when all books must be returned--perhaps a week before school's end--rather than an early cutoff for checking them out.

Teacher expresses gratitude

Dear Editor:

Please give me a little space in SPOTLIGHT for a big "thank you" to all who had a part in dedicating the gym to me May 12. Accepting such a "reward" for doing something that has given me so much pleasure almost causes me to have a guilty feeling.

I am most grateful and humble for the honor. I love all of you.

Susie DeMent

Junior girls would like to have sponsors

Each year Montevallo businesses, civic groups, and interested parties sponsor boys in the junior class to attend Boys State. Several years ago one girl was also sent to Girls State, but the practice was discontinued.

In these days of equal rights it seems only fair that girls should be allowed to participate in these activities again. Surely there are some groups in town who would agree to sponsor females as well as males.

Plan requested

Dear Editor:

On May 8 a wreck caused the Vocational Center bus to arrive back at MHS after buses had left school.

A plan should be made for Center students to get home when they are late. Perhaps the buses could be held until they arrive.

..Mary Thompson

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Study shows MHS improving

MHS's five-year self-study for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools has ended, and favorable results are in.

A three-person evaluation committee, composed of Dr. L. L. Malone and Dr. Bill Ernest from the University of Montevallo and Mr. Wallis Scheussler of Winterboro High School visited MHS May 4. Their job was to evaluate academic and athletic programs, teachers, and school facilities.

The committee reported that the "administration of the school is excellent and most of the faculty are doing good to excellent jobs."

It was also the feeling of the group that "physical facilities are good to excellent since major renovation was done four years ago."

The opinion of the committee was that the school has improved in almost every aspect since the 1973 study.

Top journalists receive honors

Quill and Scroll, the international honor society for high school journalists, has just accepted six MHS students.

These new members are seniors Sheri Barrow and Greg Hardin; and juniors Rene Davis, Janet Hicks, Kevin Hughes, and Emily Steele.

Students were presented with keys at the Awards Day ceremony May 12.

To be accepted in this society a student must be nominated by the journalism teacher and approved by the national secretary of Quill and Scroll.



Club plans picnic to honor its seniors

Food and Fun are on the agenda for the journalism club next Monday afternoon at 4:30.

The club will hold a hamburger cookout at Oak Mt. State Park.

The event is given in honor of the seniors who are on the SPOTLIGHT staff. It will be the final meeting of the year for this group.

5 juniors named to be Boys Staters

Juniors Glenn Anthony, Mark Baker, Lee Clayton, David Lash, and Curtis Peoples have been selected as representatives for MHS at Boys State this summer.

Each year outstanding juniors are chosen by the faculty to attend the program. Qualities considered for selection include good citizenship, leadership, character, and physical fitness.

Boys State is conducted annually to educate youth in the duties and privileges of American citizenship. It is being hosted this year by Jacksonville State University May 28-June 1.

Local civic groups and businesses sponsor Montevallo's representatives.

---It's News Downtown---

Fresh billboard welcomes guests

A newly painted sign welcomes visitors to Montevallo as they enter the city limits on Hwy. 119. The purple, gold and white sign says, "Welcome to Montevallo, Home of the University of Montevallo, 'Alabama's best little public University.'"

The Montevallo Chamber of Commerce gave the board to the University to paint and keep up.

Orientation day at UM is June 4. Students will

register for first and second terms on June 5 and summer school classes will begin June 6.

Mr. Roger Smith, a graduate of Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex., is Montevallo First Baptist Church's new minister of music and youth.

On May 7, Montevallo Presbyterian Church honored Mrs. Frances Anthony for her "many services to the church."





CHAMPIONS AT WORK

After a month-long contest of daily 3-minute timings, David Melsoni (left) averaged 73 words per minute as first-year winner, and Letty Reynolds won in the advanced division with 100 wpm.

Spelling "medical terminology" words--

Lowley wins 5th place in nation

Darrell Lowley, MHS senior, placed fifth in the National Medical Terminology Spelling Contest Apr. 29 in Oklahoma City. The word which eliminated him was "nulliara" in which he put only one "l."

Alabama had three people in the top five of the competition. Patty Lay of Walker County won 1st place, and Terita Arrington, Alabaster, claimed 2nd.

Shelby County winners

Both Darrell and Terita attend the Shelby Vocational Center in Columbiana where they are enrolled in health occupations. The contest was part of the first vocational convention of Health Occupations Students of America.

At the sessions the group selected as their motto--"Hands of All We Serve." Their emblem is made up of medical symbols on a white circular background with blue letters and trim.

Would go again

Next year the convention will be in Oregon.

"I'd like to go again and compete or just be a participant since the organization also has post-secondary members," Darrell says.

Darrell plans to major in physical therapy next year at the University of Alabama in Birmingham.

Melsoni wins 1st year--

Letty types 100 for title

SENIOR LETTY REYNOLDS is MHS's 1978 typing champion. She won the honor by typing 100 words per minute in the recent typing contest. Second place went to junior Rene Davis with 89 words a minute. Both girls are in the advanced class.

First year classes were sectioned into male and female divisions. Freshman David Melsoni won 1st year honors averaging 73 words per minute. Greg Hardin was second in the male division with 61 wpm. Female winners were Belinda Morris who typed 61 and Gay Perkins who did 52 wpm.

Miss Susie DeMent instructs the classes.

The annual contest lasted one month beginning Apr. 3. To be eligible for awards, students were required to pass at least eight 3-minute writings with not more than three errors. Trials were given daily and to obtain the winning scores, the top three numbers were averaged.

The championship score for 1978 was 15 words more than that typed by last year's winner Linda Sims.



THREE FUTURE TAILORS?

Senior Rudolf Reed presses the shirt he made while classmates Kirk Cunningham and Terence Chappell begin a second one.

Men make shirts at MHS

Seniors Terence Chappell, Kirk Cunningham, and Rudolf made shirts in advanced home economics this semester.

All three took bachelor living last year and decided to continue studying in this field. The trio will complete a second shirt before graduation according to Mrs. Junnie Craig, their instructor.

Everybody gets in the action



Camera records happenings * * * * *

SCHOOL LIFE AT MHS PROVES BUSY and rewarding. Activities which have brought distinction to individuals and the school were recognized on Awards Day. Below is the identification of MHS life shown on page 7.

1. TOP CITIZENS--Rotary Club Citizen of the Year Greg Hardin and DAR Good Citizen Nan Jones pose before the flag on Awards Day.

SC leaders assume offices

Student Council officers were installed at an assembly May 10 by outgoing SC president Mike Beers. The new officers were appointed since only two students chose to be candidates for office.

Gay Perkins was named president and Leslee Bel-luchie treasurer.

Sophomore Bret Jones will fill the position of vice president, while his classmate Earnest Glover will serve as secretary.

Gay and Leslee made the appointments with Principal W. C. Corbett's approval.

The Council plans to begin work on the campus immediately according to Leslee.

2. LEADING MUSIC MAKERS--John Philip Sousa Award winner Mary Wyatt and Arion honoree Shawn Spicer look over their certificates.
3. ATHLETIC WINNERS--Girls phys ed trophy went to Suzanette Campbell (c) and the Good Sportsmanship Award to Terry McCarey (l) and Barry Kornegay.
4. CALL TO ORDER--New Student Council president Gay Perkins takes over in assembly.
5. SENIOR SCHOLARS--(Back, l-r) Mike Beers, Greg Hardin, Barry Kornegay, Chuck Reynolds, Mary J. Wyatt, (front) Tina McClain, Becky Lesley, Kathy Glosson, Iris Smitherman, Leslie Davis, and Marsha Zahumansky earned A averages throughout high school.
6. ON WITH THE SHOW--Lynn Sawyer plays Susan B. Anthony in the dramatic club's production.
7. PROGRESS GOES ON--Workmen pour new roof for auditorium.
8. SPOTLIGHT'S BEST--New Quill and Scroll members are Kevin Hughes, Rene Davis, Janet Hicks, Sheri Barrow, Emily Steele, and Greg Hardin.
9. MHS FARMER--Alan Naugher plows garden planted beside the school by Ag teacher Charles Kidd and the special education students.
10. WE DO WASH WINDOWS--Bret Jones cleans second story panes in Mrs. Cathy Bearden's room.

2 study photography

Juniors Mark Baker and Janet Hicks attended a photography workshop sponsored by Waldrup Studio Apr. 24-25.

Representatives from MHS, Thompson, Huffman, and Phillips viewed slides on taking pictures, were given pointers on taking pictures, and learned how to operate cameras.

"Each student made photographs which were criticized by Mr. David Mooney, the director of the program.

"I really had a great time and learned a lot too," Janet comments.

11. BOUND FOR COLLEGE--Valedictorian Marsha Zahumansky and salutatorian Greg Hardin look over college catalogs.

12. TOMORROW'S LEADERS----Named Boys Staters are (l-r) David Lash, Mark Baker, Curtis Peoples, Glenn Anthony, and Lee Clayton. Boys State is May 29-June 2.

People, work like this effect progress



(See p. 6 for identification)

Every family position reports

by Becky Lesley and Pam Henley

Montevallo High School has a wide range of different family members residing in its premises every school day from 7:55 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. This not only includes students but faculty and staff.

There are seven sets of twins presently attending MHS and sixteen individuals who are only children in their families. These include Guidance Counselor Frances Anthony and Principal W. C. Corbett.

A recent survey further revealed that 76 MHSers are the oldest child in their family 101 are the youngest 91 are located in the middle and 72 are otherwise situated.

Even though there are more students who are the youngest of their families, the opposite is true of the teachers. Among the faculty, there are a predominate number of oldest children.

Iris produces most funny lines

In Locker Laughs this year the quickest with a witty line was Iris Smitherman who rated six punch lines during 1977-78.

Senior Gail Hill was second with four.

Several clever faculty members earned their way into the puns. They were Mrs. Cathy Bearden, Mrs. Barbara Belisle, Mr. Don Benton, Mr. Jim Hermecz, and Mr. Doug Morris.

However, only Mr. Benton's sociology students can boast that their whole class joined in on a punch line.

BOE entertains

Last Thursday seniors were guests of juniors as the Business Office Education Department held its banquet at the Shelby Area Vocational Center.

Band celebrates

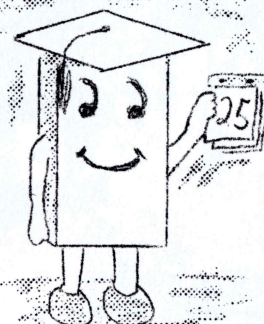
The 2nd annual band banquet was held at Leo's in Birmingham May 10 to honor band students and recognize adults who had contributed to the welfare of the group.

Mary Jane Wyatt was presented the John Philip Sousa ward as top senior and junior Shawn Spicer won the Arion Award.

Humorous awards and bequests were also a part of the program.

Locker Laughs--

Field trip fills with laughs



Graduation is only
A few days away; and
Seniors look forward
To their special day.

The lockers will miss
All the smiling faces
As everyone scatters
To their chosen places.



On a recent psychology field trip, students were reading bumper stickers. Senior Kathy Glosson read, "Nurses Do It Better."

Senior Iris Smitherman replied, "Yes, instead of being charged for malpractice, they are charged with male practice."

As the group pulled into Shoney's for lunch on the same trip, Junior Mark Baker noted that a hearse was parked in front of the restaurant.

Iris quipped, "People must be dying to eat in this place."

Junior Billy Brantley turned his class ring over

to portray a wedding band and said, "I bet you didn't know I got married."

When Tamee Davis said, "No, who did you marry," he turned the ring to show it was his class ring and answered, "Montevallo High School."

As another student commented, "Oh, you married everyone!" he replied, "I believe in group marriages."

While discussing family order in 3rd period journalism class, junior Kenneth Bell said, "I'm the only child in my family."

Classmate Leslee Belluchie quipped, "Yes, all the others are adults!"

16 chosen for volleyball

After tryouts, Coach Dot Bishop chose 16 girls for next year's varsity and B volleyball teams.

They are Valerie Anderson, Theresa Chism, Phylliss Conwell, Vickie Crowson, Letecia Gaddis, Sheila Goode, Cathy Holmes.

Ophelia Hudson, Robyn Perkins, Greta and Gretchen Reisener, Jennifer Rutledge, Pearl Rutledge, Tanya Staffney, Fredia Thrift, and Debra Tyus.

Five of this group are returning varsity players.

Jones wins pitcher's duel--

Bulldogs, Jemison split a pair

Bret Jones held Jemison's Panthers to only 3 hits in 5 innings as the Bulldogs took the first game of a double header with Jemison May 2 at Montevallo 2-1. The game was a real pitcher's battle as Panther Terry Robinson also limited the 'Dogs to 3 hits.

David Lash led MHS at bat going 2 for 2 and batting in the winning run.

Scoring

JHS	1	0	0	0	0	1
MHS	0	0	2	0	x	2

Jemison capitalized on 4 Bulldog errors in the second game to win it 5-3 in an extra inning.

With the score tied at 3, Mike Scoggins blasted an in-the-park homerun in the sixth inning to drive across the winning run ahead of him.

Barry Kornegay got the only hit off winning pitcher Travis Wesson. Earl Hayes was losing pitcher.

Scoring

JHS	0	0	3	0	0	2	5
MHS	2	0	0	1	0	0	3

MHS beats Vincent 11-9--

Record shows 6-5 for season

Montevallo closed the regular baseball season with a county win over Vincent at MHS last Thursday. The win gave the 'Dogs a 6-5 record. Earlier Montevallo had split decisions with two other county teams, falling to Pelham 5-0 and downing Shelby County 6-4.

The Bulldogs had to come from behind twice to take Vincent in the bottom of the sixth inning 11-9.

Lash, Rutledge are hitters

Outfielder David Lash went 3-3 at bat, scored 2 runs and knocked in 3 more; while shortstop Willie Rutledge went 3-4, batting in 4 runs.

Getting his third win of the year, Bret Jones was winning pitcher.

Lash gets win

With Lash on the mound, the 'Dogs edged Columbiana 5-4 May 5. Lash had to have help from Jones in the bottom of the fourth and again in the sixth.

Sam Purnell was big man at the plate for MHS. With a homerun, 2 singles, 2 rbi's, and 3 runs, he went 3-3 for the day.

James Jones picked up the loss for the 'Cats.

Holler Blanks MHS

Pelham's all-star pitcher Chris Holler held the Bulldogs to 5 hits, while striking out 12 in the May 10 match at Montevallo.

The Panthers zapped the 'Dogs 5-0.

Five MHS errors aided the senior hurler in the win.

Lash, who gave up 9 hits and walked 2 was tagged with the loss.

Purnell again provided a bright spot at the plate for the Bulldogs as he had a single and a double in 3 trips.

Leading hitters for the season are Lash (.441) and Willie Rutledge (.417).

Thompson eliminates Montevallo, 5-0

Thompson ace Steve Smitherman erased any hope the Bulldogs had of taking the county baseball crown the second year in a row.

The strong lefthander's curve ball was too much for the 'Dogs as they gathered only 3 hits in losing 5-0 to Thompson in the first round of the county tournament at Columbiana Monday.

Junior David Lash was losing pitcher.

Practice-run before breakfast--

Glover runs toward a dream

by Greg Hardin

What makes someone run four miles before breakfast? "A dream of winning the state 2-mile title," answers Earnest Glover who takes the long trot almost daily.

Earnest started last year in track and Coach Kurt Pnazek realized the talent Earnest had for the sport. Coach Pnazek is now working on a year-round training program for Earnest and several other distance runners at MHS.

The young runner comes from a family of runners. Both his mother and sister ran track when they were young.

Coach Pnazek says Earnest has the potential to be one of the state's best at any level. "He has shown a lot of ability, works hard, and has a good attitude toward working for his goal. That means a lot," Coach adds.

Earnest placed third in the 2-mile at state this year with his best time ever--10:16. Winning time was 10:03.

Since Glover is only a sophomore, his goal of being a state champion is still within reach.

Weightlifters will compete at MHS

Tomorrow five Bulldog "strongmen" will represent MHS in the county weightlifting meet at the MHS gym at 9:30 a.m.

Each of the Bulldog participants holds bench presses of 205 lbs. or better, and the highest weight of any of them is 162 lbs.

County schools taking part in the competition are Calera, Columbiana, Montevallo, Pelham, and Vincent.

Bulldog grows--

4 'hang it up'

by Chuck Reynolds

MHS's baseball team loses four aces this year--Barry Kornegay, Darrell Lawley, Jeff Lucas, and Willie Rutledge.



Barry, catcher, provides the team with confidence behind the plate as well as good leadership.

"He's a good catcher and handles pitches intelligently," says head coach Richard Gilliam.

Lucas is the "gutsy" second baseman. "Jeff, a good baserunner, manages to get on by hook or crook," says Coach Gilliam. "He's an important gloveman on defense, too," adds Coach.

Darrell, 5'3", is a difficult man to pitch to.

Coach Gilliam also says he is an outstanding centerfielder and dangerous baserunner.

"Willie is the team's best pure hitter," notes Coach. "Although he has flaws in his technique, we don't tamper with it lest we mess up what he does have," Coach says.

3 attend State

Juniors Otto Fields, Phyllis Conwell and sophomore Earnest Glover represented MHS in the State track meet May 6 in Selma.

Earnest placed 3rd in the 2-mile run and Phyllis leaped to 4th place in the high jump.

Each of these track stars earned his way into the competition by placing 1st or 2nd in the District meet held at Oxford.

Pro scouts look at all-stars

Four East-West All-Stars caught the eyes of the major league scouts Sunday at Clanton at the area game, where the West, led by Coach Richard Gilliam of MHS, fell 8-7. Shortstops Bill Henke (Columbiana) and Jerry Grave-man (Pelham) plus pitchers Chris Holler (Pelham) and Terry Robinson (Jemison) were chosen to represent this area in Selma at regional tryouts for the State game.

Representing Montevallo were seniors Barry Kornegay, Darrell Lawley, Jeff Lucas, and Willie Rutledge. Lucas provided one bright spot for Montevallo fans as he went 2 for 2 at the plate according to Coach Gilliam.

At school's annual tapping--In schedule--

NHS adds 20 members

SIXTEEN JUNIORS AND FOUR SENIORS were tapped into National Honor Society May 15 in the MHS gym. Those selected for membership in the group must have an overall scholastic average of 85 or above and have shown desirable traits of leadership, character, and service.

Juniors who were added to the group are Teresa Alexander, Cliff Anderson, Glenn Anthony, Mark Baker, Leslee Belluchie, Vickie Crowson, Rene Davis, Janet Hicks, Billy Hughes, Kevin McCoy, Karen Morris, Curtis Peoples, Gay Perkins, Lynn Sawyer, Shawn Spicer, and Emily Steele.

Seniors added

Seniors making the list are Nan Jones, Tina McClain, Barbara McGiboney, and Letty Reynolds.

During the ceremony new members received candles and signed the society's roster. They will receive membership cards later.

Principles discussed

Barry Kornegay, this year's NHS president, along with fellow members Darrell Lawley, Kathy Glosson, Mary Jane Wyatt, and Iris Smitherman, expounded on the different principles that members must maintain.

Senior Mike Beers gave the devotional.

To end the ceremony, the new members repeated the organization's oath.

Class relaxes

Last week psychology teacher Frances Anthony taught her class an introductory lesson on relaxation therapy.

The purpose of the activity Mrs. Anthony said, was to show how much better one feels relaxed and calm compared to being tense and upset.

Twirlers named for next year

Majorettes for next year's marching band season are Leslee Belluchie (head), Kathy Kirkland, Karen Morris, Cindy Nash, and Paula Nix.

A week prior to tryouts on May 5, the twirlers attended a clinic conducted by Mrs. Liz Vardamen, former head majorette at Purdue University.

"I feel the squad will be the best our band has ever had," Leslee says.

Changes made

Troubadours noted some changes in next year's band program as preregistration was held Tuesday.

Courses offered the entire school are basically the same as this year's; but a new class in band techniques, which all band students are urged to take, is now included.

According to director Jim Weese, band members will take two periods of band a day--the course in techniques and the regular 6th period class.

"We have reached the point where we will have to change our program to continue to improve," Mr. Weese explains.

Psychology and sociology will be dropped next year but will be reinstated in 1979-80 according to Principal W. C. Corbett.

MHS grads show leadership

by Greg Hardin

MHS ALUMNI CONTINUE TO STRIVE for excellence as shown recently by numerous achievements at various colleges.

Earning highest honors at the University of Montevallo are Lynne Davis (77), Kim Hollon (75), Amy Knowles (77), Greg Merijanian (75), John Merijanian (77), Lori Merijanian (74), Judy Smitherman Stone (68), Michele Van Landingham (75), Cathy Zahumensky (73), and Susan Zahumensky (75). Melody Puttman (74) was named an Eva Goldman Scholarship participant; Tricia Corbett (75) received the Women's Good Sportsmanship Trophy; and Nancy Nix (76) a Tennessee Eastman Company Scholarship.

Dane Lawley (74) and Craig Van Valkenberg (77) were named to the Dean's List at Troy State.

Billy Belisle (77) was cited for his excellence in student arranging of music and named to the Jr. Division Honor Roll at Southern University in Louisiana.

Roger Moore (76) was named basketball MVP at Walker Jr. College and received a scholarship to Athens College.

John Tishler (76), now attending Vanderbilt, won a scholarship sponsored by the Birmingham News.

MHSers observe Sun Day

America celebrated the sun's existence May 3. Several MHS students participated in the local celebration at the University of Montevallo.

The program included Mr. Jim Seaman, president of Seaman Timber Company; Mr. Tim Petty, Alabama Power Solar Project Public Visibility Coordinator; Mr. Fred Braswell, Alabama Energy Management Board representative; and Mr. Terry Arnold, Manager Environmental and Research Service for Alabama Power.

Mr. Arnold, who resides near Montevallo, allowed participants to tour his solar heated home.

MHSers from Algebra I and II and geometry class who attended Sun Day heard lectures, viewed various exhibits, and played a game on an energy simulator machine.

Professor speaks

Dr. Aris Merijanjan, UM chemistry professor, lectured to teacher Jim Hermecz's chemistry class last Thursday. The guest spoke about organic chemistry--the study of anything living or man-made which contains carbon.

Rene tours 'Northern' cities

"It was 50 degrees and they were lying out in the sun!" That was only one of the comments junior Rene Davis made after her weekend expedition Apr. 21-23 to Highland Falls, N. Y., 40 miles south of New York City. She was surprised to find "Northerners" thought such weather was warm.

Rene attended the Ring Weekend banquet and ball at West Point where Jimmy Day (MHS '75) is a junior. The weekend outing was Rene's first time to fly as well as her first visit to New York.

"I thought West Point was very pretty, and it was much larger than I expected," Rene notes.

While in New York, Rene saw the Empire State Building, the Statue of Liberty, and the Twin Towers. She also watched West Point soccer team in action.

According to Rene there was much more she would liked to have seen but time would not permit. "I just wish I could have stayed longer," she adds.

Faculty parties

Last Tuesday MHS faculty members and guests held their annual cookout.

Home economics teacher Junnie Craig served as chairman of the spring social at which steaks were cooked outside.

The meal which included steak, baked potato, salad and dessert was served in the home ec building.

MHSers plant vegetables--

Mr. Kidd supervises garden

Mr. Charles Kidd is not just a vocational ag teacher anymore. He is also the caretaker of the garden planted by 12 of his students a few weeks ago.

The purpose of the project according to Mr. Kidd is to give students experience in gardening by having them plant and work a real garden.

Corn and lima beans were planted behind the school. Although the corn is up and has been cultivated, Mr. Kidd says that the lima beans will have to be replanted because "rains destroyed them."



Newspaper wins 31st All-American

SPOTLIGHT recently received an All-American rating for the 31st consecutive semester.

The paper, evaluated by the National Scholastic Press Association, was awarded the association's highest honor for the first semester of 1977-78.

Judge B. Sorum commented, "The staff goes well beyond routine details to provide broad, varied coverage of a wide range of activities and concerns," and noted the "clean, crisp style of writing" in the paper, and commended the strong leadership given reporters.

The judge also referred to SPOTLIGHT as "sound journalism--well packaged."

NHS cooks out

"Oh, I'm stuffed," was probably the phrase heard most often two weeks ago at the National Honor Society barbecue held at senior Mary Jane Wyatt's home.

Each member of the group enjoyed a barbecued half-chicken, potato salad, baked beans, tossed salad, French bread, and hot fudge sundaes.

Mary Jane's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Wyatt, furnished the chicken and MHSers brought the rest.

"The party was a fun time for all, and we appreciate the Wyatt's having us," says sponsor Frances Anthony.

7 give 5 years to Band--

19 end Troubadour service

As the year comes to a close, 19 Troubadours reach their final days of performing. Seven of these have been a part of the organization for five years. They are Sheri Barrow, Cathy Belisle, Kathy Glosson, Greg Hardin, Tommy Ingram, Iris Smitherman, and Mary Jane Wyatt.

Other seniors in band are Vanessa Cottingham, Kirk Cunningham, Benjie Dailey, Tammy Davis, Gail Hill, Albert Jones, Marla Jones, Letty Reynolds, Charlotte Stephens, Anitka Stewart, Angela Tolbert, and Marsha Zahumensky.

"It is hard to watch these seniors leave because they have been part of the band for such a long time, and many fill positions which will be hard to replace," band director Jim Weese says.



MMS sees its first graduate

Fifty-eight seniors are a special group; they were the first class to complete all three grades at Montevallo Middle School.

According to MMS Principal James H. Jones there were 116 students who first finished the 5th, 6th, and 7th grades at MMS in 1973-74.

However, half these are no longer continuing their education and are therefore not members of the Class of 1978

Class elects senior elite

Seniors of '78 elected Who's Who earlier this year. Those selected were: Best all-around--Nan Jones, Darrell Lawley; Best dancers--Cathy Belisle, Rudolph Reed; Best dressed--Terence Chappell, Pamela Henley; Best looking--Marla Jones, Steve Rockco; Class chatters--Sybille Cathey, Larry Chism.

Friendliest--Jeff Lucas, Iris Smitherman; Most athletic--Suzanette Campbell, Terry McCarey; Most bashful--Chris Blair, Gwen Haggins; Most courteous--Wesley Bolling, Tamee Davis; Most creative--Dennis Brown, Barbara McGiboney.

Most dependable--Barry L. Harper, Mary Jane Wyatt; Most intelligent--Greg Hardin, Marsha Zahumensky; Most likely to succeed--Barry Kornegay, Becky Lesley; Most school spirit--Bill Allen, Sylvia Jones.

Most valuable to the school--Mike Beers, Mary Sherrer; Wittiest--Gail Hill, Chuck Reynolds.

25 ready to go to work--

33 seniors will further education

Most seniors have made plans for their futures by making career choices already. Others will continue their education, become homemakers as they marry, or join the armed services.

Twenty-five will enter the work world, 33 will go on to college, 8 will marry, 5 will attend technical schools.

In addition, senior Pam Henley will go to modeling school, Sybille Cathey will train as an airline stewardess, Rudolph Reed and Dennis Brown will head for the Army, and Albert Jones and Benjie Dailey will take to the sea as they join the Navy.

Four of the 33 college-bound have scholarships.

As gift to the school--

Lucas leads seniors in painting

Next year's student body will remember the class of '78 each time they see the gym's new look. Seniors changed it from green to light orange and royal blue.

Class treasurer Jeff Lucas headed the project. Others who guided paint brushes several times were Leslie Davis, Nan Jones, Barry Kornegay, Darrell Lawley, Vickie Lilly, and Chuck Reynolds.

Ten other seniors and two juniors also painted during one session. Two volunteers from the community also helped.

Principal W. C. Corbett comments, "It's really nice to think that they have that much school spirit. It's also one of the nicest things any group of seniors or any group has done for the school."



Class visits park

Seniors made a trip to Six Flags over Georgia last Friday, where they were treated to special music by "Chic" and "Pure Prairie League" as part of the amusement park's special senior night.

The Class of '78 has one last get-together at Orr Park Wednesday after commencement practice.

The seniors will cook, eat, and play one last time before graduating.

Seniors select some favorites

Everyone has his own preferences, but when seniors combined theirs it turned out that the class had some definite favorites; such as:

Teacher: Mrs. Ann Parker; actor: Burt Reynolds; actress: Cheryl Ladd; rock group: Eagles; cartoon characters: Scooby Doo and Pink Panther.

Soft drink: Dr. Pepper and Mountain Dew; food: cheeseburger; candy bar: Snickers; color: blue; flower: rose; season: summer; holiday: Valentine's Day.

Local churches point to grads

by Anne Tolbert

Many churches will recognize seniors Sunday.

The University Baptist Church plans a special service honoring their seniors with Dr. James Vickrey, UM president, as the guest speaker.

Pilgrim's Rest and Mt. Sinai will combine for a baccalaureate service.

Graduates who are members of Shiloh Baptist will be honored with a special program during the morning worship hour.

Other churches that are planning recognition are Freewill Baptist, Green's Chapel, Mayberry, Montevallo Baptist, Montevallo Presbyterian, Mt. Olive, United Methodist, Ward's Chapel A.O.H., and Wilton Baptist.

THE WEEK BEFORE GRADUATION

by Nellie Yelder

'Tis the week before graduation and all through the hall
The seniors are the happiest students of all.
Their futures are being planned with care
With high hopes that May 25 will soon be here.

They huddle in bunches, groups, and pairs
To compare the plans of others with theirs.
Some will be doctors or do laboratory work
While others will be a secretary, lawyer, or clerk.

As graduation day draws near,
The dear little seniors give a loud cheer,
For they will soon be out on their own
And they're feeling as though they're already grown.

As they leave, some will be happy
While still others will be sad--
But the whole junior class
Will be v-e-r-y glad!

